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RE: / Case No. 12798, Order No. R-11760 RPC 17-4 Well (Pictured Cliff formation) SE/4 Section 17, Township 29 North, Range 14 West

San Juan County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

In accordance with paragraph number (6) of Order No. R-11760, enclosed is an Authority for Expenditure outlining the estimated costs to drill the RPC 17-4 well to the Pictured Cliffs formation, with completion in the Pictured Cliffs formation.

Also enclosed are copies of the letters sent to the non-consenting working interest owners.

Should you have any questions concerning the enclosure I can be contacted at the letterhead address, by telephone at (303) 830-8000 or by e-mail at rvanblaricom@richardsonoil.com.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure