

October 19, 1973

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Getty Oil Company P.O. Box 1231 Midland, Texas 79701 Vic/

Attention: Wade L. Vick, Landman

Re: Proposed "Stock Unit"

Township 21 South, Range 33 East

Lea County, New Mexico Mesa OP 913, Salt Lake, S.

Gentlemen:

We are pleased to have your proposal letter of October 18, 1973 inviting us to join in the drilling of a 14,500' Morrow test well on a state approved exploratory unit of some 5760 acres in the captioned township. This is essentially the same proposal made by Amoco back in May, 1973, and we had already advised them that Mesa would join and pay their share of the costs.

This is to formally restate our position to Getty as proposed Operator that Mesa Petroleum Co. will join and participate as proposed in your letter, subject only to our review of your geological and/or geophysical documentation and mutually acceptable agreements including well cost estimate.

Under separate cover, we will send copies of our lease and title data. Please furnish to us your drilling cost estimate and operating agreement/accounting procedure at your convenience. Your advice as to where and when we may review the prospect documentation will be appreciated.

Very truly yours

Robert H. Northington

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copies to attached mailing list

Exhibit 4