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Santa Fe Energy Resources, Inc.
Permian Basin District
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Attention: Gary Green

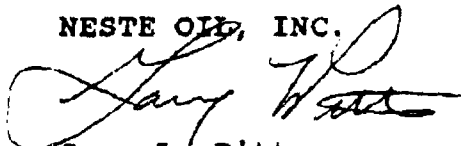
Re: Pooling Hearing
Indian Hills Prospect

Dear Gary:

As non-operator, and as having a part in the existing Joint Operating Agreement dated June 15, 1992 between Santa Fe and Neste Oil, Inc. which covers Section 27, T21S-R24E NMPM, Neste hereby advises that Neste prefers that Santa Fe be designated as the operator of the proposed Rocky Top Federal 27 #1 well rather than Yates Petroleum. We also request that the entire Section 27 be pooled as a working interest unit.

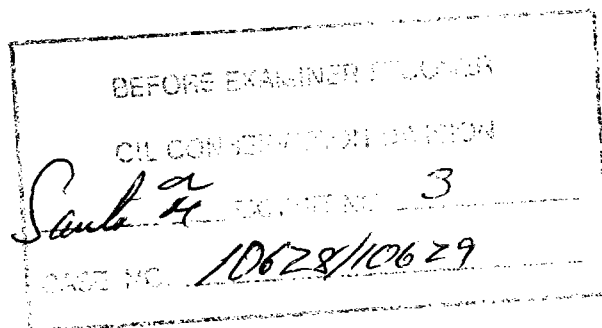
Sincerely,

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Gentlemen:


Reference is hereby made to the Operating Agreement dated June 15, 1992 by and between Santa Fe Energy Resources, Inc. and North Central Oil Corporation, et al which covers, among other Sections, Section 27, Township 27 South, Range 24 East, Eddy County, New Mexico.

North Central Oil Corporation, as a party to the above referenced Operating Agreement, respectfully requests that a 640 acre working interest unit be formed for the drilling for the Rocky Top Federal 27 #1 Well. The requested unit is to be comprised of the entirety of Section 27 and that Santa Fe Energy Resources, Inc. shall be designated as Operator of said unit.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to call.

Yours very truly,

NORTH CENTRAL OIL CORPORATION


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