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Re: Order No. R-9056 (Case No. 9815, the Application of Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L.P. for Compulsory Pooling, Lea County, New Mexico)

Dear Mr. Lemay:

The above order, entered November 27, 1989, force pooled the W $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 16, Township 21 South, Range 35 East. The only party force pooled by the order was Chevron U.S.A. Inc. The order provided that the operator (Santa Fe Energy) was to commence the drilling of the well on or before February 15, 1990.

Since the order was entered, Santa Fe Energy and Chevron have had additional discussions regarding Chevron's voluntary joinder in the well. Those negotiations are ongoing at this time. As a result, Santa Fe Energy requests that the deadline for commencing the well be extended to April 15, 1990.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,

HINKLE, COX, EATON, COFFIELD &  
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Dear Mr. Bruce:

Based upon your letter of January 16, 1990, and in accordance with the provisions of Division Order No. R-9056, Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L.P. is hereby granted an extension of time in which to begin the well on the unit pooled by said order until April 15, 1990.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'William J. Lema', with a long vertical line extending downwards from the end of the signature.

WILLIAM J. LEMAY  
Director

WJL/fd

cc: ✓ Case No. 9815  
Jerry Sexton

