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December 15, 2000

Attn: Mr. Nelson B. Spear Sun-West Oil & Gas, Inc. P.O. Box 309 Hobbs, NM 88241

Re: Oil and Gas Lease
W1/2 Sec. 30, T-9-S, R-33-E, NMPM
McGuffin Prospect
Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Spear:

Enclosed please find original and one copy of Oil and Gas Lease for your review, along with bank draft in the amount of \$ 2,393.50 representing our consideration of \$ 50.00 per net acre for your execution of our proposed oil and gas lease. The lease is a paid-up three (3) year primary term lease, provides for a royalty of 3/16, and the provision on the pre-printed form allowing for the deduction of certain costs associated with gas production has been stricken.

If this meets with your approval, please execute the original of our lease, have your signature acknowledged before a Notary Public, and return the executed and acknowledged lease, along with your endorsed bank draft, to our bank in Roswell for collection. The Collections Department at your bank will do this for you. Please retain the copy of our lease for your files.

Please feel free to call or fax at the above letterhead numbers should you have any questions. Thank you very much for your attention in this matter and Happy Holidays.

Sincerely yours,

C. Mark Malonev

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BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
Santa Fe, New Mexico
Case No. 12601 Exhibit No. 3
Submitted by:
Bettis, Boyle & Stovall
Hearing Date: April 19, 2001

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THIS AGREEMENT made this 15th day of December 2000 between
Sun-West Oil & Gas, Inc., a Texas corporation P.O. Box 788
Hobbs, NM 88241-0788
(Post Office Address) herein called lessor (whether one or more) and W. T. Probandt, 415 W. Wall St., Suite 2206, Midland, TX 79701, lessee: 1. Lessor, in consideration of TEN AND OTHER DOLLARS in hand paid, receipt of which is here acknowledged, and of the royalties herein provided and of the agreements of the lessee herein contained, hereby grants, leases and lets exclusively unto lessee for the purpose of investigating, exploring, prospecting, drilling, and operating for and producing oil and gas, injecting gas, waters, other fluids, and air into subsurface strata laying pipelines, storing oil, building tanks, roadways, telephone lines, and other structures and things thereon to produce, save, take care of, treat, process, store and transport said minerals, the following described land in Lea County, New Mexico, to-wit:
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Township 9 South, Range 33 East, NMPM Section 30: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, $E_2^1W_2^1$
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5. Lessee is hereby granted the right and power, from time to time, to pool or combine this lease, the land covered by it or any part or horizon thereof with any other land, leases, mineral estates or parts thereof for the production of oil or gas. Units pooled hereunder shall not exceed the standard proration unit fixed by law or by the Oil Conservation Division of the Energy and Minerals Department of the State of New Mexico or by any other lawful authority for the pool or area in which said land is situated, plus a tolerance of ten percent. Lessee shall file written unit designations in the county in which the premises are located and such units may be designated from time to time and either before or after the completion of wells. Drilling operations on o production from any part of any such unit shall be considered for all purposes, except the payment of royalty, as operations conducted upon or production from the land described in this lease. There shall be allocated to the land covered by this lease included in any such unit that portion of the total production of pooled minerals from wells in the unit, after deducting any used in lease or unit operations, which the net oil or gas acreage in the land covered by this lease included in the unit bears to the total number of surface acres in the unit. The production so allocated shall be considered for all purposes, including the payment or delivery of royalty, to be the entire production of pooled minerals from the portion of said land covered hereby and included in said unit in the same manner as though produced from said land under the terms of this lease. Any pooled unit designated by lessee, as provided herein, may be dissolved by lessee by recording an appropriate instrument in the County where the land is situated at any time after the completion of a dry hole or the cessation of production on said unit.
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Shane Spear, President
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Sun-West Oil & Gas, Inc., a Texas corporation

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January 20, 2001

Sun-West Oil & Gas, Inc. P.O. Box 788 Hobbs, NM 88241-0788

Certified Mail/Return Receipt Requested 7099 3400 0018 4123 9864

Attn: Mr. Shane Spear, President

Re: Oil and Gas Lease W1/2 Sec. 30, T-9-S, R-33-E, NMPM McGuffin Prospect Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Shane:

Referencing our previous conversations on this, we felt we should make one more attempt to acquire a lease on Sun-West's unleased mineral interest under the captioned lands.

As discussed in our last conversation, we have had to increase our offer to \$ 100.00 per net mineral acre to acquire the larger unleased interests under this tract and will do the same for your interest (our original offer was based on a bonus consideration of \$ 50.00 per net acre). We still, however, cannot agree to a one-quarter royalty lease on this prospect. Again referencing our most recent conversation, we <u>would</u> include a Pugh clause for your interest, providing for a continuous development program at the expiration of the primary term (which we have not done for any other interest to this point).

We do, however, hope to begin drilling operations out there as soon as possible to try to take advantage of the current high product prices. Unfortunately, we are subject to rig availability (which is tight as you know) and need to have our acreage ready to drill should a rig become available. Bettis, Boyle and Stovall will operate. We will keep this offer open for thirty (30) days from the date of this letter. Should you wish to discuss this further, please feel free to call (or fax) at the above letterhead number and we will do our best to answer any questions you might have.

Hoping you had a good hunting trip over the Holidays and a Happy New Year.

Very truly yours

C. Mark Maloney

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P. O. Box 788 Hobbs, New Mexico 88241-0788 (505) 393-8097 Fax 397-4621

January 25, 2001

Mr. C. Mark Maloney Independent Landman P. O. Box 2627 Roswell, New Mexico 88202-2627

RE: Oil and Gas Lease

W/2 Section 30, T9S, R33E, NMPM

McGuffin Prospect Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Maloney:

Thank you for your letter of January 20th. We are willing to lease the referenced property on the following terms:

- 1/4 royalty;
- \$150.00 per acre bonus
- 3-year paid up lease, mutually agreeable lease form
- Pugh and Continuous Operation clauses as attached

Thank you for your consideration.

Shane Spear President

Enclosures as stated

EXHIBIT "A"

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