

## STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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Tile w/well

Mr. V. H. Westbrook P. O. Box 2264 Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

> Re: Kinahan Federal No. 1-0-20-15S-30E, Chaves County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Westbrook:

Your application dated August 6, 1986 for hardship classification of the captioned well and Mr. Sexton's response of August 8 have been received in this office. Your case has been set for hearing by examiner October 8 in Santa Fe.

In the interim, it is suggested that you be prepared to present evidence on the following points:

- The liquid gravity and gas-cil ratio. You may be able to classify the well as an oil well, and the casinghead gas would then carry a priority second only to the hardship gas.
- The mechanical integrity of the well. A casing leak is suspected because of the sudden water entry.
- The minimum flow rate which would prevent permanent damage or loss of reserves producible from the well and reservoir. It is suggested you schedule a minimum flow rate test with our Hobbs District Office.

Yours very truly,

VICTOR T. LYON, Chief Engineer

cc: Cabot Corporation - Amarillo, Texas
 Jerry Sexton - Hobbs, New Mexico
 Michael E. Stogner - Santa Fe, New Mexico