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ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO . 88210 April 28, 1986

Bureau of Land Management P.O. Drawer 1857 Roswell, New Mexico 88201

> Re: DeLuna Federal #1 & #2 Battery
> 24-125-31F 7M-15896 Unit C-Section 34-12S-31E Burkitt Federal #1 & #2 Battery

Unit F-Section 34-12S-31E Chaves County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

The approval to vent gas from the captioned batteries expired October 3, 1985.

Yates Drilling Company respectfully requests a continuation of our approval to vent gas on these batteries.

We have been diligently seeking a contract for the gas in the Queen field but we have been unsuccessful in our attempt.

The high nitrogen and carbron dioxide content of the gas makes the gas uneconomic for any purchaser in the area. At such time as a contract may be obtained gas connections to a gas sales line will be made in a timely manner.

If you need anything further, please advise.

Sincerely,

ROSWELL RESOURCE AREA

YATES DRILLING COMPANY

Karen J. Leishman Production Clerk

APPROVED FOR 4 MONTH PERIOD