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Northland Operating Co.

September 14, 1999

United States Department of the Interior.
Bureau of Land Management
2909 W. 2nd Street
Roswell, New Mexico 88201
Attn: Linda Askwig

Re: Drilling permit Drickey Queen Sand Unit Well #54
Operator ogrid no. 149936
Property no. 20414
Pool code 8551
API no. 30-005-21156 *15, 146, 3/E*

Dear Ms Askwig:

This permit was approved effective August 24, 1998. For economic reasons due to the price of oil, the well was not drilled within one year. We have re-evaluated the economics and want to proceed with our pilot project which includes the drilling of five wells.

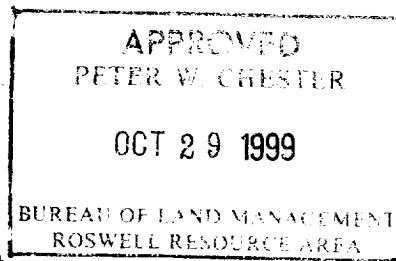
Ms. Askwig, Stan Mayo suggested I write you requesting a time extension on our existing drilling permit for another year. We plan to start drilling well before one year, hoping to be underway in about ninety days.

Thanks for your assistance and please call with any questions you may have or if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

James L. Hull, Jr.

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Production Clerk/Regulatory Analyst



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