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New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission State of New Mexico Santa Fe, New Mexico

Attention: Mr. A. L. Borter Secretary Director

> Re: State Lease B Well #3 State of New Mexico Lease #E-9116 Lea County, New Mexico (IB 56-4)

Gentlemen:

Under the provisions of Paragraph F, Rule 104, application is hereby made for administrative exception to Paragraph C, Rule 104 "Well Spacing", as revised by Order R-855. Attached is a certified plat of location for the State B#3 well. Also attached is a plat of the surrounding area which shows the location of the well with respect to the runway of the Lea County, New Mexico Airport. Austral Oil Exploration Company Incorporated leases are shown in yellow. It is further stated that -

- "1. The necessity for the unorthodox location is based on topographic conditions of the airport runway.
- 2. Austral Oil Exploration Company Incorporated owns all oil and gas leases within a radius of 660 feet of the well location with the exception of the lease on the east. This lease is owned by the Texas Pacific Coal and Oil Company and the State B-3 well is 160 feet from the Texas Pacific Coal and Oil Company lease."

We are today advising the Texas Pacific Coal and Oil Company in Fort Worth, Texas of our intentions of drilling an unorthodox location. A copy of this letter is attached for your information.

If there is any further information which you require, please let us hear from you.

Very truly yours,

Winston G. Smith Division Engineer

WCS/js cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission Hobbs, New Mexico AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY TELEPHONE CA 8-9461

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