



July 14, 1997

State of New Mexico
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department
Oil Conservation Division
District I, Hobbs
1000 W Broadway
Hobbs, NM 88240

Gentlemen:

Altura Energy Ltd. as Operator of the North Hobbs (G/SA) Unit request your approval to Temporarily Abandon well No. 29-421.

This wells lift equipment failed on 5-16-97 and it is uneconomical to repair and return to production. This wellbore was identified by letter on November 9, 1981 from the Director in Santa Fe as one of two wells to be used for pressure monitoring near the plugged and abandoned Getty Grimes #2. To date we have kept both the 29-321 and 29-421 pumped off. Recent sonic fluid levels indicate a current bottom hole pressure in 29-421 and 29-321 of 1000 psig and 75-100 psig, respectively.

Please call me at 397-8200 if you need more information.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D. W. Nelson", followed by a long horizontal flourish.

David W. Nelson

Production Engineer

Attachments