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**HAND DELIVERED**

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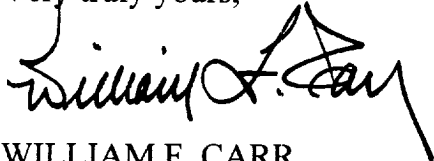
Re: *Application for Amendment of Division Order No. DD-172(H) for Directional Drilling-Horizontal, Non-Standard Spacing or Proration Unit, North Vacuum Abo West Unit Well No. 30, North Vacuum-Abo Pool, Lea County, New Mexico*

Dear Mr. LeMay:

Enclosed in duplicate is the application of Texaco Exploration and Production Inc. for Amendment of Division Order No. DD-172(H) to increase the producing area for the North Vacuum Abo West Unit Well No. 30 to permit the horizontal portion of the wellbore to be no closer than 460 feet from the outer boundary of the project area for this well.

If you need any thing further from Texaco to proceed with your consideration of this application, please advise.

Very truly yours,



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Attorney for Texaco Exploration and Production Inc.  
cc: Michael E Stogner,  
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