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Belco Petroleum Corporation
10,000 Old Katy Road Suite 100
Houston, Texas 77055

Gentlemen:

Your Application for Permit to Drill well No. 1 Federal 12 in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 12, T. 21 S., R. 32 E., Lea County, New Mexico, lease NM 12275, to a depth of 14,500 feet to test the Morrow formation in the Oil-Potash area is hereby approved, as amended by stipulations attached to the application.

One copy of the application is returned herewith. Please notify the District Engineer, Geological Survey, Hobbs, New Mexico, in sufficient time for a representative to witness all cementing operations.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES W. SUTHERLAND
Area Oil and Gas Supervisor

cc: Denver
Mining Branch (2)
NMOCC-Hobbs (2) (w/2 cys. Notice) ✓
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