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Pogo Producing Company

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September 27, 1983

Bureau of Land Management
P. O. Box 1397
Roswell, New Mexico 88201

Re: Pogo Producing Company
Federal 53 "Com" No. 1
1980' FSL & 660' FWL
Section 17, T-26-S, R-34-E
Lea County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

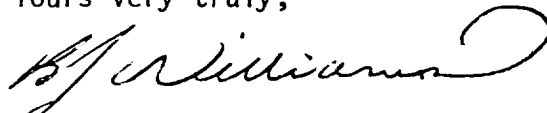
Your approval is requested to initiate drilling operations for the captioned well by utilizing a cable tool rig from September 29 to October 14, 1983.

Dirt work is currently in progress for the installation of a rotary rig and will be finished by September 28. A deep rotary rig has been contracted from Cactus Drilling Corporation.

Work has been delayed due to a prospective partner requesting the location be changed from the initial location approved by your office. The partner then backed out and we are actively seeking a new partner.

Your prompt attention to this request will be appreciated as the lease expires October 1, 1983 without drilling operations.

Yours very truly,



B. J. Williams
Division Operations Manager

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APPROVED
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