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New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission P. O. Box 1980 Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

Attention: Mr. J. T. Sexton

Gentlemen:

Bell Lake Unit 1 Well No. 17, Lease No. E-5896-1, South Bell Lake Morrow NE/4-SW/4, Section 32, T-23S, R-34E, Lea County, New Mexico

We are requesting a 60-day extension of the approval to drill Bell Lake Unit 1 Well No. 17 as described above. The Application for Permit to drill, Form C-101, was approved by your office on December 5, 1975; however, it has not been possible for us to commence drilling operations up to this time. It is still our intention to drill this well in the near future.

Yours very truly,

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L. P. Thompson Division Manager

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