

IN REPLY REFER TO: 3162.3-1 (067) NM-77074

United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT Carlsbad Resource Area Headquarters 620 E Greene Street Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220-6292

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Mitchell Energy Corporation P. O. Drawer 4000 The Woodlands, Texas 77387-4000

Gentlemen:

Your Application for Permit to Drill (APD), along with your extension ending May 22, 1996 for the Anasazi "4" Federal Well No. 6 located 2150 feet FNL and 660 feet FEL, Section 4, T. 20 S., R. 33 E., Lea County, New Mexico, Lease No. NM-77074, has expired because drilling has not commenced within one year of the approval date as stated in the General Requirements for Oil and Gas Operations on Federal Leases.

If drilling operations have commenced on the referenced well, please contact this office at (505) 887-6544 and send all necessary reports (spud, casing/cementing, etc., 1 original and 5 copies) so we may correct our records.

If the well has not been spudded, but site construction activities have occurred, please contact this office at the above telephone number for surface reclamation instructions.

If you wish to drill this well at a later date, please submit a complete application (l original and 5 copies). Since the original APD has expired, the resubmitted APD will be subject to all the processing requirements including the 30-day posting requirement. Please note on the resubmitted APD that it was previously approved and we will review the expired file for information which will help expedite the processing.

Sincerely,

/s/ TIMOTHY J. BURKE

FOR

Richard L. Manus Area Manager

cc: BLM-Roswell District Office I & E-(Carlsbad/Hobbs) NMOCD (Artesia/Hobbs)

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