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NATURAL RESOURCES USA, INC.

May 24, 2007

**Certified Mail # 91 7108 2133 3931 9135 0997**

Steven and Pauline Hix  
10807 Carla Place  
Cerritos, CA 90703

RE: Waiver to drill the Hidalgo 11-12 well in  
T32S, R68W Section 12: NW/4NW/4  
Las Animas County, Colorado

Dear Steven and Pauline Hix:

We are proposing to drill a coalbed methane gas well in T32S, R68W Section 12: NW/4NW/4 Las Animas County, Colorado. Available tax assessor's records indicate you are the surface estate owner of the lands in T32S, R68W Sections 2, 11 and 12: Lot 47 of Cimarron Ranch Phase I.

Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation rule 603a(2) stipulates, 'A well shall be a minimum distance of one hundred fifty feet from a surface property line'. In this case the well site is inside this distance.

In order that Pioneer may continue our progressive drilling program in the area, we request that you sign, date and return two copies of this Waiver Letter to our office in the enclosed envelope at your earliest convenience.

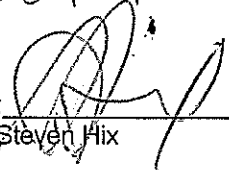
Thank you for your consideration in this regard. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the undersigned at 1-800-553-1645.

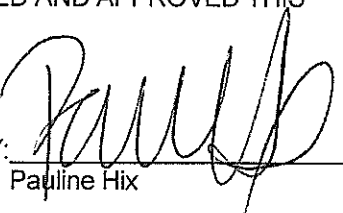
Sincerely,

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.

  
Jim Tarazoff  
Senior Landman

WAIVER TO DRILL THE Hidalgo 11-12 WELL AT A LOCATION LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED FIFTY  
(150) FEET FROM MY PROPERTY LINE IS GRANTED AND APPROVED THIS  
20th DAY OF July, 2007.

BY:   
Steven Hix

BY:   
Pauline Hix

JT/dh