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To whom it may concern:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Clayton Williams Energy, Inc., Common Stock, \$0.10 par value, and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on December 20, 2013. Tentative listing date – December 30, 2013.

Sincerely,