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Vice President and  
Corporate Secretary

August 13, 2002

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Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary  
Securities and Exchange Commission  
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Washington, DC 20549

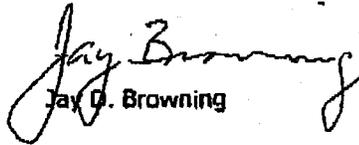
Re: Valero Energy Corporation (Commission File No. 1-13175)  
Sworn Statements of Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer  
Pursuant to Commission Order No. 4-460

Dear Mr. Katz:

Pursuant to the referenced Order of the Securities and Exchange Commission requiring the filing of sworn statements pursuant to Section 21(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, enclosed are sworn statements from each of William E. Greehey, Principal Executive Officer, and John D. Gibbons, Principal Financial Officer, of Valero Energy Corporation.

Please acknowledge your receipt of this letter and the enclosed statements by stamping and returning the enclosed copy of this letter in the business-return envelope provided. If you have questions, please contact me at (210) 370-2031.

Very truly yours,

  
Jay D. Browning

Enclosures

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**STATEMENT UNDER OATH OF PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER  
REGARDING FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES  
RELATING TO EXCHANGE ACT FILINGS**

I, John D. Gibbons, state and attest that:

(1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of Valero Energy Corporation, and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:

- no covered report contained an untrue statement of a material fact as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed); and
- no covered report omitted to state a material fact necessary to make the statements in the covered report, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed).

(2) I have reviewed the contents of this statement with the Company's audit committee.

(3) In this statement under oath, each of the following, if filed on or before the date of this statement, is a "covered report":

- Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001 of Valero Energy Corporation;
- all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of Valero Energy Corporation filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and
- any amendments to any of the foregoing.

John D. Gibbons  
 John D. Gibbons  
 Executive Vice President and  
 Chief Financial Officer,  
 Valero Energy Corporation

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13 day of August 2002.

Cristina F. Menchaca  
 Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 12/29/02

