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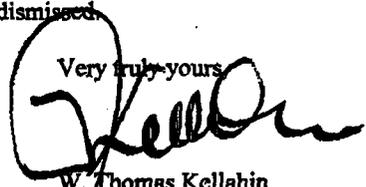
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Mr. Mark Fesmire, Director
Oil Conservation Division
1220 South Saint Francis Drive
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: Request for Dismissal of Applications of Chesapeake Operating, Inc.
for compulsory pooling, Lea County, NM
(1) NMOCD Case 13310 La Rica 13-4 Well
(2) NMOCD Case 13311 La Rica 13-3 Well
(3) NMOCD Case 13312 La Rica 13-2 Well

Dear Mr. Fesmire:

Chesapeake Operating Inc. is the successor to Concho Resources Inc. and is the applicant in these cases appearing on the August 5, 2004 docket. Chesapeake will continue to attempt to obtain voluntary agreement from the working interest owners and therefore requests that these cases be dismissed.

Very truly yours

W. Thomas Kellahin

CC: Chesapeake Operating Inc.
Attn: Lynda Townsend