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Mr. Mark E. Fesmire, Director
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1220 South Saint Francis Drive
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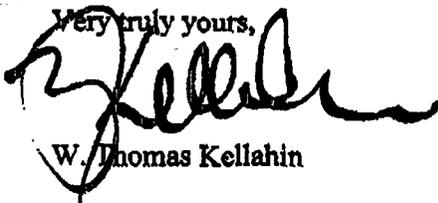
Re: Request for Continuance
NMOCDCase 13310-La Rica "13" Well No. 4
NMOCDCase 13311-La Rica "13" Well No. 3
NMOCDCase 13312-La Rica "13" Well No. 2

Dear Mr. Fesmire:

This morning, I received from Mr. Stogner a copy of an objection letter written by Jo McInernay on behalf of Mr. Frank Morgan but was not copied to me by Mr. Morgan despite his receipt of my notice of hearing on July 8, 2004. Mr. Stogner's timely procedural action saved my client the unnecessary expense of attending a hearing that is now opposed.

On behalf of the applicant, and in order to have time to address this objection, I request that these three-referenced case be continued from the July 21, 2004 docket to the August 5, 2004 docket.

Very truly yours,



W. Thomas Kellahin

Facsimile:

Michael E. Stogner-OCD-Hearing Examiner
Chesapeake Operating Inc.
Attn: Lynda Townsend

CC: Mr. Frank Morgan