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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Mark E. Fesmire, Director
Oil Conservation Division
New Mexico Energy, Minerals &
Natural Resources Department
1220 South St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, NM 87504

Re: CASE NO. 13375
Application of Paladin Energy Corporation for Compulsory Pooling
Lea County, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Fesmire:

Paladin Energy Corporation requests that the Examiner Hearing in the above-referenced matter, currently scheduled for December 16, 2004, be continued for an additional month to the January 20, 2005, Examiner docket. Paladin sought its initial continuance after it uncovered additional affected parties. Since that time, Paladin has had numerous contacts with the affected parties and this week believes it is close to reaching an agreement with all affected parties. Accordingly, Paladin requests an additional continuance in order to finalize the deal and hopefully avoid an unnecessary hearing.

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Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Michael H. Feldewert

cc: George Fenton, Paladin Energy Corporation

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