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Michael E. Stogner Oil Conservation Division 1220 South St. Francis Drive Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: Case No. 13359; Mewbourne Oil Company

Dear Mr. Stogner:

We have reviewed the proposed orders of Chesapeake and Finley, and feel compelled to correct some erroneous statements in those orders:

- 1. In Chesapeake's proposed order, in Finding Paragraphs 9 and 10, it states that it signed an operating agreement in August 2004, <u>before</u> Mewbourne filed the pooling application. That is incorrect: Attached hereto are Chesapeake's signature pages to the operating agreement, showing that the agreement was signed on October 20th (one day before the hearing).
- 2. Finding Paragraph 20 on page 4 of Chesapeake's proposed order states that Mewbourne seeks an 80/20 cost allocation between shallow and deep zones. Again, that is incorrect: As Mr. Smith testified at the December 16th hearing, the allocation percentage will be equal to 100 feet below deepest perforation divided by 12,500 feet. Thus, if the deepest perforation is 4900 feet, the allocation to the shallow zone owners will be 5000/12,500 = 40%. And, the shallow owners will not be required to pay costs of pipe, logs, etc.
- 3. Throughout Chesapeake's proposed order it is asserted that the shallow zone owners will be "required" to reimburse the deep zone owners. Finley's proposed order seems to imply the same thing. However, under Mewbourne's proposal the shallow zone owners will have an <u>election</u>. ONLY IF they are consenting parties they will be required to reimburse the deep owners for a <u>portion</u> of drilling costs, as discussed in paragraph 1 above. If they think a shallow completion is uneconomic and they go non-consent, they pay nothing.
- 4. Finley's order states that Mewbourne's farmout expired in December 2004. I believe that the testimony at the initial hearing was that Mewbourne desired to commence the well by December, which has not occurred. Mewborne would, however, like to commence the well as soon as possible.

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W. Thomas Kellahin & J. Scott Hall

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