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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. 13407

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Application of COG Operating LLC for Compulsory Pooling Lea County, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Fesmire:

COG Operating requests that the Examiner Hearing in the above-referenced matter currently scheduled for February 3, 2005, be continued to the February 17th docket. COG is close to an agreement with the affected party and needs this additional time to finalize the deal and hopefully avoid an unnecessary hearing.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Michael H. Feldewert

cc: Michael Gray, COG Operating LLC