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## VIA HAND DELIVERY

Mark E. Fesmire JD PE
Director
Oil Conservation Division
New Mexico Department of Energy,
Minerals and Natural Resources
1220 South Saint Francis Drive
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

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Re. <u>Case 14412</u>: Application of Reliant Exploration & Production LLC for cancellation of two permits to drill or in the alternative for compulsory pooling, Harding County, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Fesmire:

OXY USA, INC. hereby requests that the hearing in the above-referenced case be continued to the February 4<sup>th</sup> hearing docket. I am going to have a medical procedure next week that will make it impossible for me to attend the hearing.

I have discussed this matter with Tom Kellahin, attorney for Reliant, who is reviewing it with Mr. DeBrine and Reliant.

Your consideration of this request is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

William F. Carr

cc: Richard Ezeanyim

William Jones

Earl E. DeBrine, Jr. W. Thomas Kellahin