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June 7, 2012

**Via Certified Mail**

Thomas Max Nygaard  
Trustee of the Daisy Keith Trust  
7022 Hunter Glenn Road  
Dallas, TX 75205

Re: Armstrong Energy Corporation NMOCD Application

Dear Mr. Nygaard:

Enclosed please find an application for compulsory pooling, filed with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("the Division") by Armstrong Energy Corporation ("Armstrong"), regarding the SW/4 NW/4 of Section 31, Township 5 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Roosevelt County, New Mexico.

This matter is scheduled for a hearing at 8:15 a.m. on Thursday, July 12, 2012, in Porter Hall at the Division's offices at 1220 South St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505. You are not required to attend this hearing, but as an owner of an interest that may be affected by Armstrong's application, you may appear and present testimony. Your failure to appear at that time and become a party of record will preclude you from contesting the matter at a later date.

A party appearing in a Division case is required by the Division's Rules to file a Prehearing Statement, and in this matter a Prehearing Statement must be filed no later than July 5, 2012. A Prehearing Statement must be filed with the Division's Santa Fe office at the address above, and is required to include: the name of the party and his, her or its attorney; a concise statement of the case; the names of the witnesses the party will call to testify at the hearing; the approximate amount of time the party will need to present, his, her or its case; and an identification of any procedural matters that need to be resolved prior to the hearing. If you file a Prehearing Statement in this matter, you must also provide it to me as counsel for Armstrong.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Gary W. Larson

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Encl.

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OCD Case No. 1487  
**ARMSTRONG  
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