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Via Hand Delivery and E-Mail

**Re:** NMOCD Case No. 14904; Application of Heritage Petroleum, Inc. for Compulsory Pooling, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

and

Hed a

NMOCD Case No. 14548 (Reopened); Motion of Jicarilla Apache Nation for Further Orders in Case No. 14548, Order No. R-13326, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Brooks:

On behalf of Heritage Petroleum, Inc., we request that the hearing on the merits in the above cases be *continued* to the December 13, 2012 examiner hearing docket.

I have today attempted unsuccessfully to communicate with counsel for the Jicarilla Apache Nation to discuss the continuance, so their concurrence or opposition to the December 13, 2012 date is not presently known. However, the August 30, 2012 correspondence from Mr. Timothy Evans (Holland & Knight) on behalf of the Jicarilla Apache Nation, the Nation's prehearing statement and my own correspondence of September 12, 2012 all indicate the advisability of a continuance to accommodate the conduct of discovery and a prehearing conference.

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