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Ms. Lori Wrotenbery, Director  
Oil Conservation Division  
1220 South St. Francis Drive  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: Application of El Paso Energy Raton, L.L.C. for Approvals of Non-Standard/  
Irregular Spacing Units and Certain Non-Standard Setbacks for Unorthodox Well  
Locations for Coalbed Methane Gas Wells and Any Other Approvals Required for  
such Units, Setbacks and Wells in Colfax County, New Mexico.  
Case No. 13097

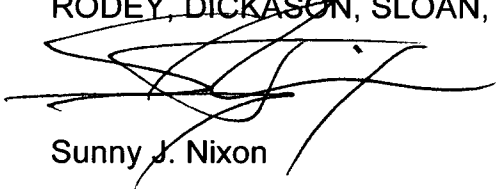
Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

On behalf of El Paso Energy Raton, L.L.C., please find enclosed for filing the original  
and two (2) copies of El Paso Energy Raton, L.L.C.'s Request For Continuance Of  
Hearing, along with the Certificate of Service.

We also enclose an extra copy of each of the above, which we ask be conformed with  
the NMOCD date and time stamp and returned to our courier. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

RODEY, DICKASON, SLOAN, AKIN & ROBB, P.A.

  
Sunny J. Nixon

SJN/tc

Enclosures

cc: Carsten F. Goff, BLM (w/encls.)  
G. Kevin Cunningham (w/encls.)  
Paul H. Dowden (w/encls.)

*Handwritten initials and date:*  
WJN  
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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING  
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION  
DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
CONSIDERING:**

**CASE NO. 13097**

**APPLICATION OF EL PASO ENERGY RATON, L.L.C.  
FOR APPROVALS OF NON-STANDARD/IRREGULAR  
SPACING UNITS AND CERTAIN NON-STANDARD  
SETBACKS FOR UNORTHODOX WELL LOCATIONS  
FOR COALBED METHANE GAS WELLS AND ANY  
OTHER APPROVALS REQUIRED FOR SUCH UNITS,  
SETBACKS AND WELLS IN COLFAX COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE OF HEARING**

Applicant El Paso Energy Raton, L.L.C. (El Paso) requests a continuance of hearing on its Application in this matter from August 7, 2003 until August 21, 2003, at which time El Paso requests that its Application be set and heard by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD).


El Paso has contacted a representative of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and understands that the BLM supports this Request for Continuance of Hearing.

El Paso understands that if no formal order is entered granting its Request for Continuance of Hearing prior to the August 7, 2003 hearing, such requests are routinely granted at the opening of the hearing on August 7, 2003, if the Request has been made by Applicant, and that Applicant need not attend the hearing.

WHEREFORE, El Paso requests a continuance of hearing on its Application until the OCD hearing date scheduled for August 21, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing  
Request for Continuance of Hearing by El Paso Energy Raton, L.L.C. to be sent by  
facsimile and by First Class Mail, postage prepaid, this 31st day of July, 2003 to the  
following:

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