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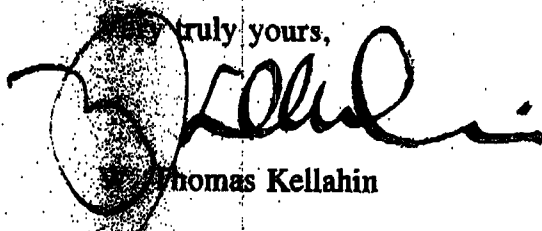
Mrs. Lori Wortenbery, Director
Oil Conservation Division
1220 South Saint Frances Drive
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: **Request for Continuance**
NMOCD Case 13137-13138
Application of Apache Corporation
for compulsory pooling
Lea County, New Mexico
Thompson Well No. 1 Unit B
NE/4 dedication Sec. 2, T21S, R37E
Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mrs. Wortenbery:

On behalf Apache Corporation, I wish to inform you that Apache believes that it has reached a voluntary agreement with Chevron Texas and accordingly requests that the Division continue the referenced case currently set for hearing set for September 4, 2003 to the Examiner hearing set for September 18, 2003.

Truly yours,



W. Thomas Kellahin

cc: Apache Corporation
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