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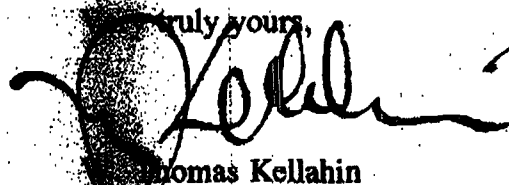
VIA FACSIMILE

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

Re: **Request for Dismissal**
NMOCD Case 13132
Application of Apache Corporation
for compulsory pooling
Lea County, New Mexico
Thompson Well No. 2 Unit B
NE/4 dedication Sec. 12, T21S, R37E
Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mrs. Wortenbery:

On behalf Apache Corporation, please dismiss the reference case currently set for hearing on the October 9, 2003 Examiner's docket.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas Kellahin

cc: Apache Corporation

Attn: Mario Moreno