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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

APPLICATION OF THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
FOR REPEAL OF EXISTING RULE 50 CONCERNING PITS AND BELOW GRADE
TANKS AND ADOPTION OF A NEW RULE GOVERNING PITS, BELOW GRADE
TANKS, CLOSED LOOP SYSTEMS AND OTHER ALTERNATIVE METHODS TO
THE FOREGOING, AND AMENDING OTHER RULES TO MAKE CONFORMING
CHANGES; STATEWIDE.

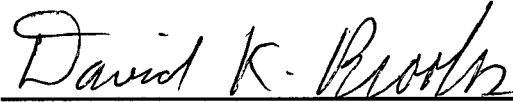
CASE NO. 4015

**THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION'S
MOTION TO EXTEND TIME FOR BRIEFING**

1. On October 25, 2007, the Commission issued an order requiring the parties to brief certain issues by November 7, 2007, at 5:00 P.M.
2. The large volume of exhibits that have been filed with pre-hearing statements, and which counsel must study prior to commencement of the hearing, as well as the usual demands of hearing preparation, will make this difficult.
3. The Division anticipates that its presentation, with cross-examination of witnesses, will take all of the week of November 5, and that the proceeding will undoubtedly continue into the week of November 13.
4. Deferring the deadline for briefing the issues described in the October 25 order till November 13 will give counsel the opportunity to use time during the intervening weekend to complete this assignment.

WHEREFORE, the Division asks that the time for filing briefs, as described in the
October 25 order, be deferred to November 13, 2007

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "David K. Brooks". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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