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Richard Ezeanyim, Hearing Examiner EMNRD-OCD 1220 S. St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, NM 87505

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Re: Case 14107, Xeric Oil & Gas Corp. – West Pearl Queen #301

Dear Mr. Ezeanyim:

The above-referenced matter is currently scheduled to be heard on May 29, 2008 at 8:15 a.m. Respondent has now retained counsel for representation in this case. The parties are currently engaged in discussions and are hopeful that a resolution can be reached without the need-for a full hearing. The OCD therefore requests that the matter be continued to <u>July 10, 2008</u> to allow the parties additional time to address the issues raised by the Application and attempt to come to a resolution. Opposing counsel joins in this request.

Sincerely, Mikal Altomare

Assistant General Counsel

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