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**VIA FACSIMILE**

Mrs. Lori Wortenbery, Director  
Oil Conservation Division  
1220 South Saint Frances Drive  
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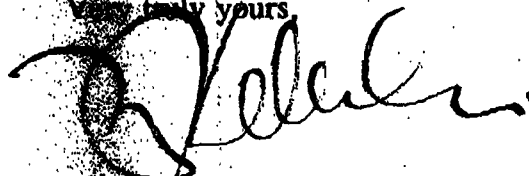
Re: **Request for Continuance**  
NMOCD Case 12774 (reopened)  
Application of OXY USA Inc.  
for special rules for the  
East Penasco Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool  
NMOCD Order R-11723  
Eddy County, New Mexico

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Dear Mrs. Wortenbery:

On behalf OXY USA, Inc., the original applicant in this case, I request that this case currently set for hearing on the September 18, 2003 docket to continued until the Examiner's docket scheduled for October 23, 2003.

Very truly yours,



W. Thomas Kellahin

cc: OXY USA, Inc.  
Attn: Rick Portano