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Director
Oil Conservation Division
New Mexico Energy, Minerals &
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Re: Case No. 14362: Application of Chesapeake Operating, Inc. for statutory unitization of the Carter-Shipp Strawn Unit Area, Lea County, New Mexico.

Case No. 14363: Application of Chesapeake Operating, Inc. for approval of a waterflood project and qualification of the Project Area of the Carter-Shipp Strawn Unit for the Recovered Oil Tax Rate pursuant to the Enhanced Oil Recovery Act, Lea County, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Fesmire:

Chesapeake Operating, Inc. requests that the Examiner Hearing in the above referenced matter, currently scheduled for August 20, 2009, be continued to the September 17, 2009 docket.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

William F. Carr

cc. Mr. Terry Frohnepfel
Chesapeake Operating, Inc.