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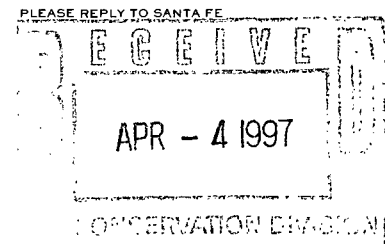
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March 20, 1997

Mr. David Catanach
New Mexico Oil Conservation Div.
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Re: NMOCD Case No. 11724; Application of Gillespie-Crow, Inc. for Unit Expansion, Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Catanach:

On behalf of Enserch Exploration, Inc., we respectfully request that the above matter, presently set for hearing on the Division's docket for April 17, 1997, be heard on Friday, April 18, 1997.

It is my understanding that the March 20, 1997 setting for this case was continued pursuant to a request from Yates Petroleum. Although we filed our Entry of Appearance on behalf of Enserch on February 17, 1997, we were not notified of the Yates request. Otherwise, we would have attended any hearing to argue in opposition to a continuance and to advise you of a pre-existing conflict preventing my attendance on the April 17th date. From discussions with counsel for the applicant, it is anticipated that the matter will require one full day for hearing in any event.

Jim Bruce, counsel for the applicant, Gillespie-Crow, Inc. concurs with this request. Bill Carr, counsel for Yates Petroleum, et al., has not returned our telephone messages.

Mr. David Catanach
March 20, 1997
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Very truly yours,

MILLER, STRATVERT, TORGERSON
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Scott Hail". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

J. Scott Hail, Esq.

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