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**J. Scott Hall**  
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*Re: Division Case No. 12086 - Application of Energen Resources Corporation, et al. for allowable reduction, Lea County, New Mexico.*

Dear Mr. Hall:

Per your letter dated April 5, 2000, your request to continue this matter "indefinitely" is a practice that the Division has recently been attempting to discourage due to unfavorable consequences experienced in the past. At the April 6, 2000 hearing I continued this case to the August 10, 2000 hearing at which time you can either dismiss this matter, if all parties have agreed to changes in the Unit Agreement, or continue it again for an adequate period of time for these changes to be ratified. An indefinite period of time will not be considered adequate.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Stogner  
Chief Hearing Officer/Engineer

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