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Re: **MOTION TO CONTINUE:**
NMOCD CASE NO. 11472
Application of T. H. McElvain for Compulsory Pooling
Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

On behalf of Meridian Oil Inc., we request that the referenced case be continued from the February 22, 1996 docket to the March 7, 1996 docket.

The purpose of our request is that we believe that Meridian Oil Inc and T. H. McElvain have reached a settlement of this matter but we have been unable to reach J. Scott Hall, attorney for McElvain, in order to confirm that this case will be dismissed. We now have insufficient time to prepare for a contested hearing in the event that McElvain decides to go forward with this matter tomorrow.

Concurrence of counsel for T. H. McElvain has been requested but he is not available.

Very truly yours,


W. Thomas Kellahin**VIA FACSIMILE TO:**

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Attorney for T. H. McElvain
cc: Meridian Oil Inc.
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