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Re: Case No. 11,514, Application of Read & Stevens, Inc. for approval of an unorthodox infill gas well location in the Buffalo Valley-Pennsylvanian (Prorated) Gas Pool for a well to be drilled 990 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the West line (Unit O) of Section 26, Township 15 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Chaves County, New Mexico. Said well to be simultaneous dedicated with the existing Harris Federal Well No. 4, located at a standard gas well location in Unit "P" of said Section 26, to a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit comprising the S/2 of said Section 26.

Dear Messrs. Bruce and Padilla:

Reference is made to a motion filed by UMC Petroleum Corporation, an offset Morrow gas well operator to the south in Section 35, Township 15 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Chaves County, New Mexico, to continue the above-referenced case from the May 2, 1996 Examiner's hearing to the hearing scheduled for May 16, 1996. Postponement for an additional two weeks by an offset operator is not an unreasonable request.

Therefore, a continuance of this case to the May 16, 1996 docket is hereby approved.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Stogner
Chief Hearing Officer/Engineer

cc: Oil Conservation Division - Artesia
William J. LeMay, Director - OCD, Santa Fe
Rand Carroll, Legal Counsel - OCD, Santa Fe
File: Case 11,514