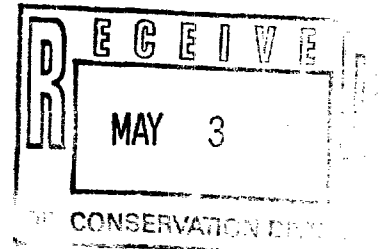


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William J. LeMay, Director
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2040 South Pacheco Street
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Re: Hartman Britt Application, Division Case No. 11529

Dear Mr. LeMay:

Applicants Doyle and Margaret Hartman, d/b/a Doyle Hartman, Oil Operator, hereby requests that the above-referenced matter be continued from its present setting on the May 30, 1996 Examiner Hearing docket to the next docket, which I understand is June 13, 1996.

Meridian Oil Inc., presented by Tom Kellahin, is the only other party who has entered an appearance in this matter. Hartman and Meridian are currently involved in settlement negotiations which, if successful, would obviate the need for this hearing. Additionally, this matter has several issues in common with Meridian's Seymour application, currently styled Case No. 11542, which I understand will also be continued to the June 13 Examiner Hearing Docket due to the fact that Bill Carr, counsel for Four-Star, will be out of town on May 30, 1996.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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