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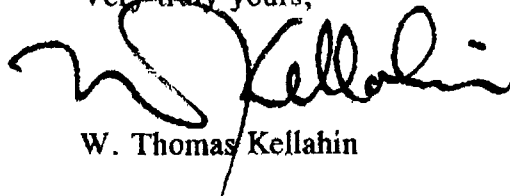
Mr. William J. LeMay
Oil Conservation Division
2040 South Pacheco
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Re: NMOCD Case 11529
Application of Doyle Hartman et al for
Compulsory Pooling, for Amendment of Order R-5448,
for Compensation Pursuant to the Oil & Gas Proceeds
Payment Act and other relief, Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. LeMay:

On behalf of Meridian Oil Inc., please find enclosed our Entry of
Appearance in Opposition to the referenced case which is now set for an
Examiner's hearing on May 2, 1996.

Very truly yours,



W. Thomas Kellahin

via facsimile to:

cc: Michael Condon, Esq.
Attorney for Doyle Hartman, et al

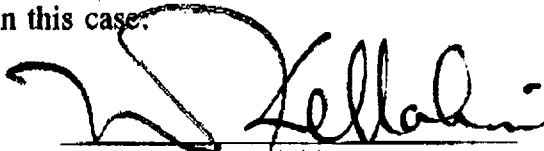
**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF DOYLE HARTMAN, ET AL, FOR
COMPULSORY POOLING, TO RESCIND
ORDER R-5448, FOR PAYMENT PURSUANT
TO THE OIL & GAS PROCEEDS PAYMENT
ACT AND OTHER RELIEF, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

CASE NO. 11528

ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Comes now MERIDIAN OIL INC., by its attorneys, Kellahin and Kellahin, an adversely affected party and enters its appearance in Opposition to the Applicant in this case.



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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I certify that a copy of this pleading was transmitted by facsimile to counsel for applicant this 26th day of May, 1996.



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