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VIA FACSIMILE

Michael E. Stogner
Chief Hearing Examiner
Oil Conservation Division
2040 South Pacheco
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: *NMOCD Case 11688*
Application of Manzano Oil Corporation
for compulsory pooling and an unorthodox
well location, Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Stogner:

On behalf of Chesapeake Operating, Inc., an offsetting adversely affected interest owner and operator, please find enclosed our Entry of Appearance in Opposition to the referenced case currently set for hearing on the January 9, 1997 Division Examiner's docket.

Very truly yours,


W. Thomas Kellahin

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Attorney for applicant
cc: Chesapeake Operating, Inc.
Attn: Mike Hazlip

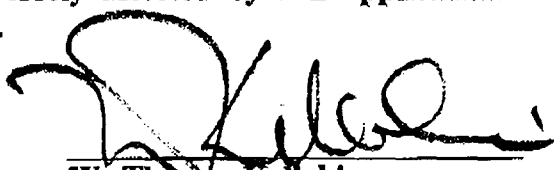
**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
MANZANO OIL CORPORATION FOR COMPULSORY
POOLING AND AN UNORTHODOX WELL LOCATION
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

CASE NO. 11688

ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

**Comes now CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC., by its
attorneys, Kellahin and Kellahin, and enters its appearance in this case
as an interested party adversely affected by this application and in
opposition to the applicant.**



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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

**I certify that a copy of this pleading was transmitted by facsimile
to counsel for applicant this 8th day of January, 1997.**



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