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October 6, 1997

**VIA FACSIMILE AND HAND DELIVERY**

Mr. William J. LeMay, Director  
Oil Conservation Division  
2040 South Pacheco  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

Re: **Response to Total Minatome Corporation's Motion to Stay  
ORDER R-10877 Case 11808 (Scott Well No. 24) and  
ORDER R-10878 Case 11809 (Marcotte Well No. 2)**

Dear Mr. LeMay:

On Friday, October 3, 1997, Mr. Scott Hall on behalf of Total Minatome Corporation hand delivered to you a request to stay Order R-10878 which approved Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company's compulsory application for its Marcotte Well No 2 now being drilled and completed in Section 9. Minatome's election period to participate in this well pursuant to this pooling order has not yet commenced to run because Burlington has not yet sent post order elections to Minatome for this well.

In addition, Mr. Hall requests a stay of Order R-10877 which approved Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company's compulsory application for its Scott Well No. 24 which is a well to be drilled in Section 8. Minatome's election period to participate in this well pursuant to the pooling order expires on October 18, 1997.

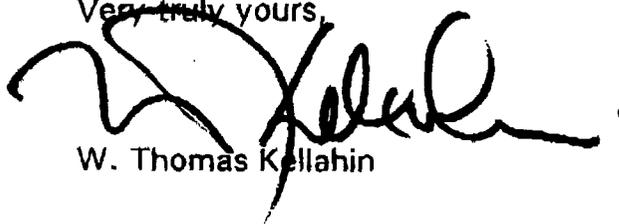
Mr. Hall made that filing without first calling me to determine if it was opposed. In addition, instead of also hand delivering a copy to me, he mailed me a copy which I did not receive until Monday, October 6, 1997. Mr. Hall has violated Memorandum 3-85 which requires that "a copy of the request for a stay must concurrently be furnished the attorneys(s) for the other party(ies) in the case."

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Having just been notified of this request, please be advised that Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company is opposed to having either order stayed and would like an opportunity to file its written opposition before the Division takes any action.

I will file Burlington's written response as soon as possible but not later than October 10, 1997. That will give the Division three full working days to discuss this matter before Minatome's election period expires.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Thomas Kellahin', written over the typed name below.

W. Thomas Kellahin

cc: Rand Carroll, Division attorney  
Lyn Hebert, Commission attorney  
David Catanach, hearing examiner  
Scott Hall, Esq.  
Gene Gallegos, Esq.