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David R. Catanach, Hearing Examiner
Oil Conservation Division
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2040 South Pacheco Street
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Re: *Oil Conservation Division Case No. 11842:*
Application of Kaiser-Francis Oil Company for an unorthodox gas well
location, Lea County, New Mexico

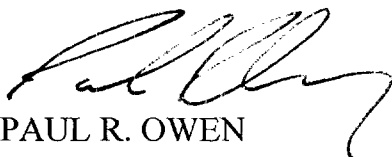
Dear Mr. Catanach:

V. F. Petroleum, Inc. is the direct east offset operator to the State "8" Well No. 9 which Kaiser-Francis Oil Company is proposing to drill 660 feet from the end line of the N/2 of Section 8, Township 16 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

V. F. Petroleum, Inc. requests that the Examiner hearing scheduled for September 4, 1997 be continued to the September 18, 1997 Examiner hearing docket. This continuance is necessary for V. F. Petroleum, Inc. to fully prepare for this hearing. I have checked with W. Thomas Kellahin, attorney for Kaiser-Francis, who does not oppose the requested continuance.

Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



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cc: W. Thomas Kellahin, Esq.
Rand Carroll, Esq.