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Via Fax and U.S. MailMichael E. Stogner
Oil Conservation Division
2040 South Pacheco Street
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505Re: Cases 11,958 and 11,959 (UMC Petroleum Corporation)
Case 11934 (Yates Petroleum Corporation)

Dear Mr. Stogner:

Ocean Energy, Inc. ("OEI," formerly UMC Petroleum Corporation ("UMC")) requests that the above cases¹ be continued for two weeks. The reasons for the request are as follows:

1. Due to recently acquired title information, additional parties have had to be notified of the application in Case 11,959. As a result, the additional parties have not been given the requisite 20 day notice of the hearing date;
2. Due to the merger of UMC into OEI, the applications in Cases 11,958 and 11,959 have had to be amended, and the cases re-advertised; and
3. Two of OEI's witnesses, including the geologist for this prospect, have scheduling conflicts with the April 16th hearing date.

OEI notes that, because of other contested cases scheduled for the April 30th docket, that date may not be convenient for the Division. Please call if you have any questions.

¹The three cases involve the same property.

4 week continuance
— Bruce
— Carr

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James Bruce".

James Bruce

Attorney for Ocean Energy, Inc.

cc: William F. Carr (via fax)