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Via Fax and U.S. Mail

David Catanach
Oil Conservation Division
2040 South Pacheco Street
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Re: Cases 11934/11958/11959 (UMC/Yates)

Dear Mr. Catanach:

UMC Petroleum Corporation requests a continuance of the above cases to the April 16, 1998 Examiner hearing. I understand that Mr. Carr, on behalf of Yates, does not object to the continuance.

Please note that another continuance may be necessary: At this time, another contested matter is scheduled for the April 16th docket, and thus there may not be sufficient time on the 16th to hear this matter.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



James Bruce

Attorney for UMC
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cc: William F. Carr (via fax)
Laura B. Smith

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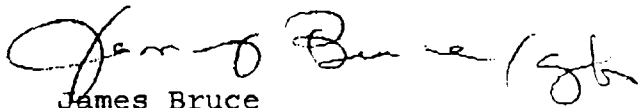
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Re: UMC/Yates Compulsory Pooling Cases

Dear Mr. Catanach:

UMC Petroleum Corporation requests a four week continuance of the above cases. As you may know, a UMC well in Section 10, T-16-S, R-35-E, adjoining the lands at issue in these cases, blew out last week. UMC personnel, including several persons who were to be at the hearing on UMC's behalf are extremely busy dealing with that situation, and have insufficient time to prepare for the hearing. Therefore, UMC requests a continuance. I have spoken with Mr. Carr about the continuance, but have not received a response yet.

Very truly yours,


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