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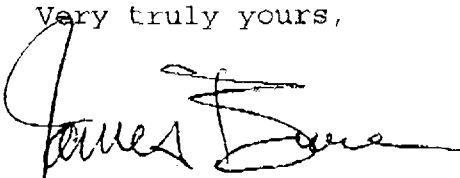
David Catanach
Oil Conservation Division
2040 South Pacheco Street
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: Case 12014; Application of Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas
Corp. for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico

Dear David:

Please continue the above case to the October 22, 1998 Examiner
hearing. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "James Bruce", with a stylized flourish at the end.

James Bruce

Attorney for Louis Dreyfus
Natural Gas Corp.

cc: W. Thomas Kellahin (via fax)