

MERRION

OIL & GAS

January 18, 1999

Mr. Michael Stogner
New Mexico Conservation Division
2040 S. Pacheco
Santa Fe, NM 87501

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Case 12097

RE: Shank #1 Compulsory Pooling Hearing
W/2 of Sec. 2, T26N, R13W
San Juan County, New Mexico

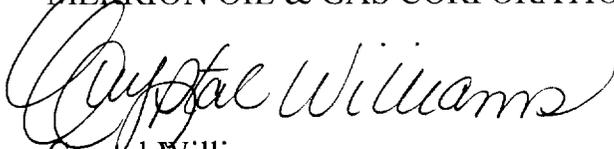
Dear Mr. Stogner:

Due to continuing progress on locating the uncommitted working interest owners in the above well, we request a continuance of this case to the February 18, 1999 hearing.

Please advise if the request will be acceptable.

Yours truly,

MERRION OIL & GAS CORPORATION



Crystal Williams
Landman

pc: G. Sharpe
Tommy Roberts w/Roberts & Strother