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HAND DELIVERED

Lori Wrotenbery, Director
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2040 South Pacheco Street
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Re: <u>Case 12234</u>: Application of Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas Corp. for Compulsory Pooling and an Unorthodox Oil Well Location, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery,

Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas Corp. hereby requests that the Examiner Hearing in the above-referenced case which is currently scheduled for September 16, 1999 be continued to October 7, 1999.

Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Very truly your

William Fl Carr

cc: David R. Catanach Hearing Examiner

> Joe Hammond Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas Corp.

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