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HAND DELIVERED

Mark Ashley, Hearing Examiner
Oil Conservation Division
New Mexico Department of Energy,
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2040 South Pacheco Street
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: Case No. 12328 Application of John L. Cox for an unorthodox oil well
location, Lea County, New Mexico.

Dear Examiner Ashley,

Enclosed in hard copy and on disc is John L. Cox's Proposed Order of the Division
in the above-referenced case.

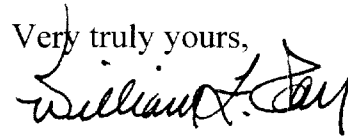
As you will recall from the testimony at the January 20, 2000 hearing, the State of
New Mexico Oil & Gas Lease, on which Cox proposes to drill the subject well, will
expire the end of this month and Cox has a rig ready to drill as soon as approval of this
location is received from the Division. Accordingly, Mr. Cox requests that the order be
expedited to the fullest extent possible.

If you need any additional information from Cox for your consideration of this
application, please advise.

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Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

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