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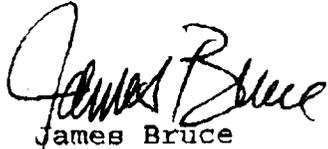
Via Fax and U.S. Mail

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Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

Enclosed for filing is a motion for continuance/dismissal in Case
No. ~~12367~~ *12393*

Very truly yours,



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cc: Counsel of record (via fax)

BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

APPLICATION OF SANTA FE SNYDER
CORPORATION FOR COMPULSORY
POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

12393
No. 12367

MOTION FOR A CONTINUANCE OR DISMISSAL

Southwestern Energy Production Company ("Southwestern") requests that the above case be continued to the June 1, 2000 Examiner hearing, or in the alternative be dismissed, and in support thereof, states:

1. Santa Fe Snyder Corporation ("Santa Fe") filed a compulsory pooling application on April 7, 2000, which is scheduled for the May 4, 2000 Examiner hearing.
2. Santa Fe's application is based on a proposal letter mailed to Southwestern on December 9, 1999. However, on that date Santa Fe owned no interest in its proposed well unit. Moreover, Santa Fe never re-proposed its well to Southwestern after it acquired an interest. Therefore, its proposal letter is invalid, and its application should be dismissed, or continued until it has legitimately re-proposed its well.
3. On April 27, 2000, Southwestern filed an application to pool the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 17, Township 23 South, Range 34 East, N.M.P.M.¹ Southwestern's application, which is the first valid application, is set for the June 1, 2000 Examiner hearing. Because a decision cannot be entered until Southwestern's application is heard, Santa Fe's case should be

¹The Santa Fe application requests a N $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 17 well unit. In addition, the applications involve different well locations.

continued so that the cases may be heard together.

WHEREFORE, Southwestern requests that Santa Fe's application (Case No. 12367) be dismissed, or in the alternative that it be continued to the June 1, 2000 Examiner hearing.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing pleading was served upon the following counsel of record this 15th day of May, 2000, by facsimile transmission:

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