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Lori Wrotenbery, Director
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1220 South St. Francis Drive
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

RE: OCD case 12735: Application of Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas Corporation for Compulsory Pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery,

Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas Corporation respectfully requests that the Examiner Hearing in the above-referenced matter, which is currently scheduled for October 18, 2001, be continued for two weeks to the November 1, 2001 Examiner Hearing Docket. The parties are attempting to reach an agreement and a witness for Louis Dreyfus has an unavoidable conflict that prevents his attendance at the hearing.

The attorney for Pogo Producing Company - who has filed an Entry of Appearance - has been contacted and does not oppose this continuance.

Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Michael H. Feldewert

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cc (via facsimile): Joe W. Hammond
James Bruce, attorney for Pogo