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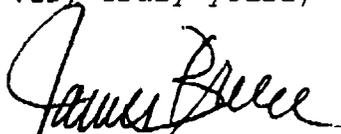
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Via FaxDavid K. Brooks
Hearing Examiner
Oil Conservation Division
1220 South St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505Re: Case No. 12753; Application of David H. Arrington Oil &
Gas, Inc. ("Arrington") for compulsory pooling, Lea
County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Brooks:

Arrington requests that this matter be continued to November 15th.
The parties are trying to work out a voluntary agreement. Thank
you.

Very truly yours,


James Bruce