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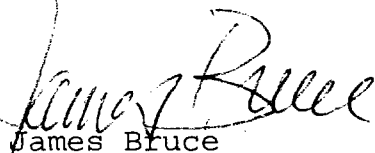
Lori Wrotenbery  
Oil Conservation Division  
1220 South St. Francis Drive  
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Re: Case Nos. 12816, 12841, 12859, and 12860 (TMBR/Sharp  
Drilling, Inc./Ocean Energy, Inc./David H. Arrington Oil  
& Gas, Inc.)

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

Enclosed is an application for hearing de novo in the above matter,  
filed by Ocean Energy, Inc.

Very truly yours,



James Bruce

Attorney for Ocean Energy, Inc.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
ENERGY, MINERALS, AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED  
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

APPLICATION OF TMBR/SHARP  
DRILLING, INC. FOR COMPULSORY  
POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO. 12816

APPLICATION OF OCEAN ENERGY,  
INC. FOR COMPULSORY POOLING,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO. 12841

APPLICATION OF DAVID H. ARRINGTON  
OIL & GAS, INC. FOR COMPULSORY  
POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO. 12859

APPLICATION OF OCEAN ENERGY,  
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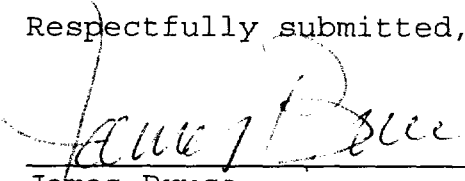
CASE NO. 12860

ORDER NO. R-11700-C

APPLICATION FOR HEARING DE NOVO

Ocean Energy, Inc., a party of record adversely affected by the order entered herein, requests that this matter be heard de novo before the Oil Conservation Commission pursuant to NMSA 1978 §70-2-13 and Division Rule 1220.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing pleading was served upon the following counsel of record via facsimile transmission and U.S. Mail this 26<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2002:

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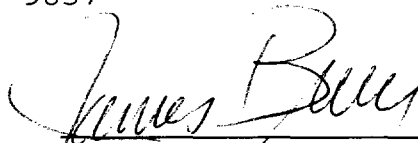
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