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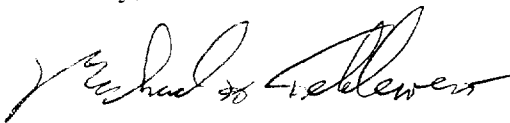
**Re: Application by McElvain Oil & Gas Properties, Inc.
for Compulsory Pooling, San Juan County, New Mexico
Case No. 12977**

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

McElvain Oil & Gas Properties Inc., requests that the Examiner Hearing in the above-referenced matter, currently scheduled for December 19, 2002, be continued to the next Examiner docket. McElvain is in the process of negotiating a voluntary agreement with the affected parties and hopes to have the agreement finalized prior to the next the Examiner Hearing.

Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Sincerely,



Michael H. Feldewert

cc: Mona Binion (via facsimile to 303/893-0933)
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