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**F A C S I M I L E   T R A N S M I S S I O N**

**DATE:** March 27, 1996

**TO:** Rand Carroll, Esq.  
**COMPANY:** New Mexico Oil Conservation Division  
**LOCATION:** Santa Fe, NM  
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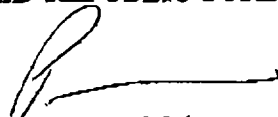
**Re: Claim No.:** 22817  
**Bond No.:** DLI 867464  
**Principal:** Diamond Back Petroleum, Inc.  
**Company:** Northwestern National Insurance Company/  
Old Republic Surety Company

Dear Mr. Carroll:

We just received the hearing examiner's docket sheet for April 4, 1996. I noticed that the above-referenced matter is supposed to be dealt with at the hearing on April 4. Is this just a formality? The wells have been capped and brought into compliance with all applicable laws. Will the bond be released at the time of the hearing? Is there any more documentation which the Oil Conservation Division needs from our company or from Pride Petroleum Services? Thank you for your anticipated prompt response.

Very truly yours,

**OLD REPUBLIC SURETY**

  
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