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Via Fax and U.S. Mail

Lori Wrotenbery
Oil Conservation Division
1220 South St. Francis Drive
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Re: Case No. 13087/Application of Ocean Energy, Inc. for
compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico

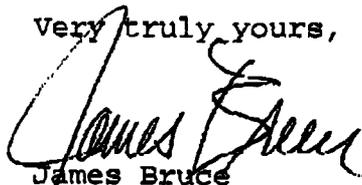
Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

Applicant requests that the above case be continued one last time, to the September 4, 2003 Examiner hearing. This application was filed by Ocean Energy, Inc. Since it was filed, Ocean Energy, Inc. has been acquired by Devon Energy Production Company, L.P., and responsibility for the prospect has been transferred from Ocean's Houston office to Devon's Oklahoma City office. As a result of the acquisition, Devon's personnel have had insufficient time to review and become acquainted with the prospect, and the change of responsibility has interrupted talks among the parties to this case. As a result, applicant requests one more continuance.

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Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,



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