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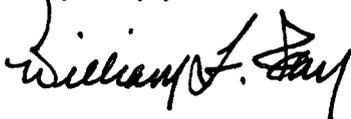
Re: Case No. 13816: Application of Black Hills Exploration & Production, Inc. for the creation of the Jicarilla Apache Tribal Lands Production Area and the adoption of Special Pool Rules and Regulations therefor in the Pictured Cliffs formation, East-Blanco Pictured Cliffs Pool, and the Tertiary formation, Cabresto Canyon-Tertiary Pool, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Fesmire:

Black Hills Exploration & Production, Inc., hereby requests that the Examiner Hearing in the above-referenced case that is currently scheduled for November 9, 2006, be continued to the November 30, 2006 Examiner Hearing Docket.

Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



William F. Carr
of Holland & Hart LLP

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