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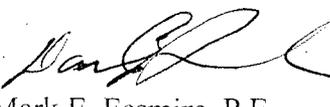
September 17, 2008

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Dear Mr. Bruce:

Based upon the reasons stated in your letter of September 15, 2008, and in accordance with the provisions of Division Order No. R-12957, McElvain Oil & Gas Limited Partnership is hereby granted an extension of time until December 31, 2008 in which to complete the well pooled by this order.

Sincerely,

  
Mark E. Fesmire, P.E.  
Director

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cc: Case No. 14115  
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Re: Request for extension of well completion deadline  
Case No. 14115/Order No. R-12957  
T.H. McElvain Oil & Gas Limited Partnership

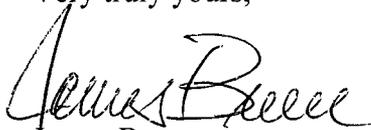
Dear Mr. Fesmire:

T.H. McElvain Oil & Gas Limited Partnership, the applicant in the above case, and McElvain Oil & Gas Properties, Inc., the operator under the order (collectively, "McElvain"), request an extension of time until December 31, 2008 in which to complete the Hutchinson Well No. 2, which is the well covered by the order.

The order required the well to be commenced by August 31, 2008, although, due to an expiring City of Farmington permit, the well was commenced on June 10, 2008. Thus, under the order the well must be completed by October 7, 2008. The well is currently awaiting completion. McElvain does not feel that it is prudent to complete the well prior to having a pipeline connection. Experience in the area suggests that if the well is completed prior to a pipeline connection, detrimental harm to the reservoir often results.

Enterprise Field Services is the gatherer of the gas from this well. The well lies within the City of Farmington, and the proposed pipeline route is on school property adjoining the wellsite. Enterprise Field Services has been diligently attempting to reach an agreement with the School District to obtain pipeline rights-of-way, and to schedule construction that would not be disruptive to school activities. This may require a delay until end-of-year holidays. Thus, McElvain requests an extension of time to complete the Hutchinson Well No. 2.

Very truly yours,

  
James Bruce

Attorney for T.H. McElvain Oil & Gas Limited Partnership

cc: W. Thomas Kellahin