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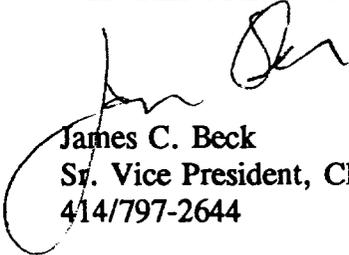
Re: **Claim No.:** 22817
Bond No.: DLI 867464
Principal: Diamond Back Petroleum, Inc.
Company: Northwestern National Insurance Company/
Old Republic Surety Company

Dear Mr. Smith:

We have written to each of the companies that you gave us and solicited a bid. Hopefully, you will cooperate with them if they are in contact with you directly.

Very truly yours,

OLD REPUBLIC SURETY



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