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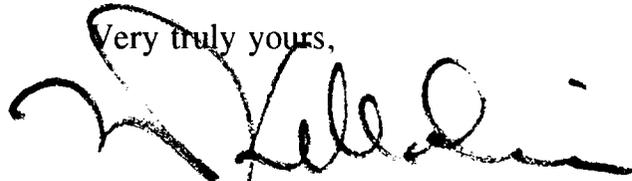
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Re: **APPLICATION FOR REHEARING**
NMOCD Case No. 11514 (DeNovo)
Application of Read & Stevens, Inc.
for an unorthodox infill gas well location
and for simultaneous dedication,
Chaves County, New Mexico.

Dear Members of the Commission:

On behalf of Read & Stevens, Inc., please find enclosed our Application for Rehearing in this case. Please be advised that the Commission has a maximum of ten (10) days in which to consider this request. If you agree that another hearing is required, then that decision must be entered on or before January 10, 1997.

Very truly yours,



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