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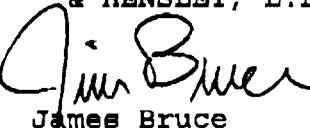
Re: OCD Case No. 11514 (Read & Stevens, Inc.)

Dear Ernie:

The above case is currently scheduled for May 2nd. My engineering witness is unavailable on that date, and in my Motion for Continuance (attached) I had requested the case be continued until May 16th. As a result, I again request a continuance to May 16th.

Very truly yours,

HINKLE, COX, EATON, COFFIELD
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BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

APPLICATION OF READ & STEVENS, INC.
FOR INFILL DRILLING AND AN
UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION,
CHAVES COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

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ENTRY OF APPEARANCE AND
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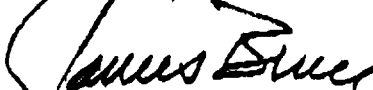
Hinkle, Cox, Eaton, Coffield & Hensley, L.L.P. hereby enters its appearance in the above case on behalf of UMC Petroleum Corporation ("UMC"), and requests a four-week continuance in the hearing on this case, and in support thereof states:

1. UMC needs additional time to prepare for hearing; and
2. Its engineer is unavailable for the May 2, 1996 Examiner hearing.

WHEREFORE, UMC requests that the hearing in this case be continued to May 16, 1996.

Respectfully submitted,

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& HENSLEY, L.L.P.



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