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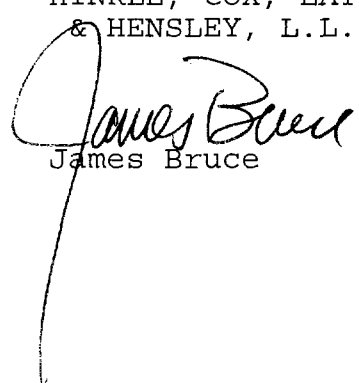
Mr. William J. Lemay
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Dear Mr. Lemay:

Enclosed is an application for a hearing de novo in Case 11563
(Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C.).

Very truly yours,

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

APPLICATION OF NEARBURG EXPLORATION
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LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

CASE NO. 11563
ORDER NO. R-10637

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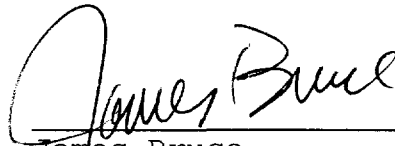
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APPLICATION FOR A HEARING DE NOVO

A. L. Cone Partnership, a party of record adversely affected by Order No. R-10637, hereby requests that this matter be heard de novo before the Oil Conservation Commission pursuant N.M. Stat. Ann. §70-2-13 (1995 Repl. Pamph.) and Division Rule 1220.

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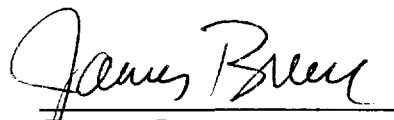

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Application for a Hearing De Novo was sent by first-class mail this 27th day of August, 1996 to:

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