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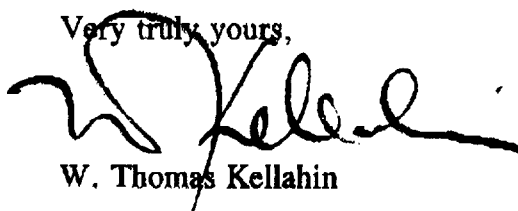
Mr. David R. Catanach
Hearing Examiner
Oil Conservation Division
2040 South Pacheco
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: NMOCD Case 11572
Mead 27-1 Well
Application of Hallwood Petroleum Inc.
for Compulsory Pooling
San Juan County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Catanach:

This letter will confirm telephone conversations with you and then with Mr. Tommy Roberts, attorney for Merrion Oil & Gas Company, that Hallwood Petroleum, Inc. requests the referenced case be continued from the July 25, 1996 docket to the August 8, 1996 docket in order to provide additional time for the Division to rule on the Hallwood Motion filed on Friday, July 19, 1996.

Very truly yours,



W. Thomas Kellahin

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cfx: Tommy Roberts, Esq.
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