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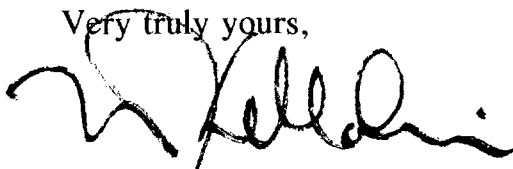
Mr. Michael E. Stogner  
Chief Hearing Examiner  
Oil Conservation Division  
2040 South Pacheco  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: NMOCD Case 11764  
Application of Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas Corp  
for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Stogner:

On behalf of Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas Corp., I would appreciate you continuing the referenced case from the Examiner docket schedule for May 1, 1997 to the Examiner hearing docket now scheduled for May 15, 1997 in order to provide further time to reach voluntary agreements.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Thomas Kellahin', written over a horizontal line.

W. Thomas Kellahin

cc: Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas Corp.  
Attn: Blaine Hess