

# MERRION

OIL & GAS

December 7, 1998

Michael Stogner  
NM Oil Conservation Division  
2040 S. Pacheco  
Santa Fe, NM 87501



RE: Shank #1 Compulsory Pooling Hearing  
Case # 12097

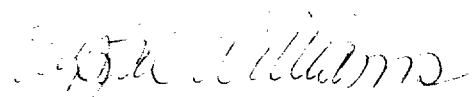
Dear Mr. Stogner:

According to the December 17, 1998 docket, Merrion is on the agenda to be heard before the commission in regard to the above matter. At this time we will be unable to attend and request a continuance of this case to the January 7, 1998 hearing.

Please advise if this request will be acceptable.

Yours truly,

MERRION OIL & GAS CORPORATION



Crystal Williams  
Landman

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