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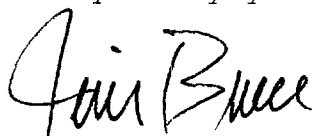
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Florene Davidson
Oil Conservation Division
2040 South Pacheco Street
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Dear Florene:

Enclosed for filing in Case No. 12172 is an entry of appearance.

Very truly yours,


James Bruce
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Operating Company


BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

APPLICATION OF MCELVAIN OIL & GAS
PROPERTIES, INC. FOR COMPULSORY POOLING,
RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

No. 12,172

ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

James Bruce enters his appearance in the above case on behalf
of NM&O Operating Company.



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Entry of
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