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Via FaxDavid K. Brooks
Hearing Examiner
Oil Conservation Division
1220 South St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505Re: Case No. 12711; Application of David H. Arrington Oil &
Gas Inc. ("Arrington") for compulsory pooling, Lea
County, New MexicoCase No. 12727; Application of David Petroleum
Corporation, et al. ("David") for compulsory pooling, Lea
County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Brooks:

This letter is in response to Mr. Carr's letter of August 29, 2001.

The only party who David must notify of their pooling application
is Arrington:

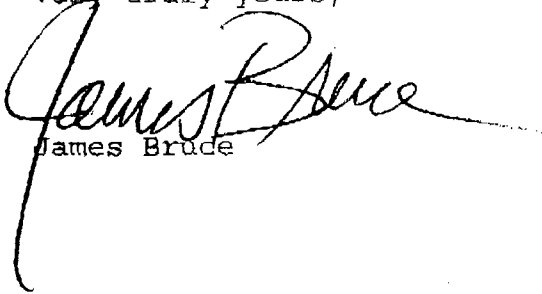
1. Arrington is the sole lessee of the two State of New Mexico oil and gas leases collectively covering the NEX of Section 19. There is no interest owner who could possibly have been missed in a title search; the two leases were issued on February 1, 2000, and because it is state land the title is extraordinarily simple.
2. In addition, the SEX of Section 19 is comprised of two State of New Mexico oil and gas leases issued to Yates Petroleum Corporation on September 1, 1999. Again, the title is simple.

While no decision can be entered until September 20th to satisfy the Division's publication requirement as to the David application, that is no obstacle to proceeding on September 6th.

David received notice of Arrington's application four weeks ago. They claimed inability to be present on August 23rd. Now they claim inability to be present September 6th. Certainly someone from the two applicants and their affiliates is available to testify.

There is no need for further delay in this matter. Arrington requests that David's request for a continuance to September 20th be denied.

Very truly yours,



James Bruce

cc: William F. Carr (via fax)
David H. Arrington Oil & Gas Inc. (via fax)