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VIA FACSIMILE

Ms. Lori Wrotenbery, Director
Oil Conservation Division
1220 South Saint Francis Drive
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE

NMOCD Case No. 12721

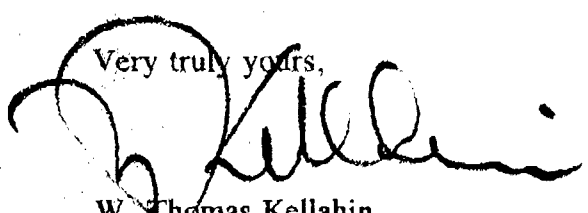
*Application of Marathon Oil Company
to amend Order R-11186,
Eddy County, New Mexico.*

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

On behalf of the applicant, please continue the referenced case which appears for hearing on the September 6, 2001 Examiner's docket to the Examiner's docket scheduled for September 20, 2001.

This continuance is made necessary because of the unavailability of Marathon's witness.

Very truly yours,


W. Thomas Kellahin

cfx: Marathon Oil Company
Attn: Kent Bickham, Esq.