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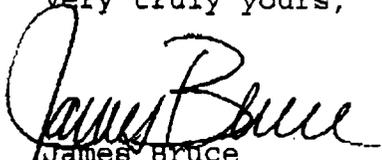
Re: Case Nos. 12816 (TMBR/Sharp Drilling, Inc.) and 12841
(Ocean Energy, Inc.)

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

Ocean Energy, Inc. ("Ocean") opposes the motion for a continuance filed by TMBR/Sharp Drilling, Inc. ("TMBR/Sharp"). As you know, Ocean has an expiring farmout. Any delay in hearing the above competing pooling cases means that they cannot be resolved until after the farmout is set to expire. No harm will occur by hearing the above cases this week. If the two cases are heard, then they can proceed in a timely fashion to final resolution by the Commission without the need to resort to District Court. Any delay will impair Ocean's correlative rights.

Again, Ocean requests that the motion be denied.

Very truly yours,


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