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Via Fax

David Catanach
Oil Conservation Division
1220 South St. Francis Drive
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Re: Case No. 12902/Ricks Exploration, Inc.

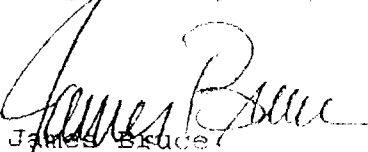
Dear Mr. Catanach:

This letter constitutes applicant's response to the motion for a continuance filed by Matrix Production Company ("Matrix").

Applicant does not object to the above case being continued to the August 22nd hearing. Applicant's landman spoke with Matrix last week, and so informed them. However, applicant does object to continuing the matter to September 5th. Matrix has no witness availability problems for that date. As to the pending lawsuit mentioned in the motion, there is no discussion of how an unrelated action can or will affect the pending pooling hearing.

Applicant requests that this matter be continued to August 22nd.

Very truly yours,


James Bruce

Attorney for Ricks Exploration Inc.

cc: Paul P. Owen (via fax)
Client