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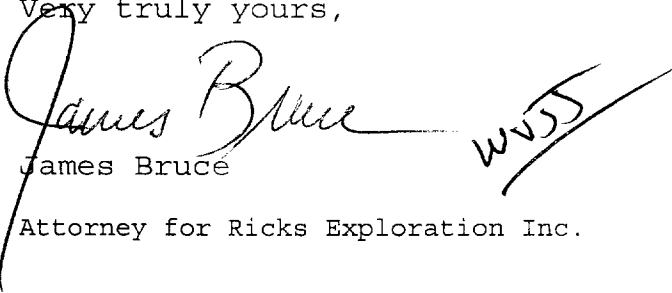
Lori Wrotenbery  
Oil Conservation Division  
1220 South St. Francis Drive  
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Re: Case No. 12970/Ricks Exploration Inc.  
Case No. 12971/Ricks Exploration Inc.

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

Please continue the above cases to the December 19, 2002 Examiner hearing. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

  
James Bruce

Attorney for Ricks Exploration Inc.

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