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VIA FACSIMILE

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

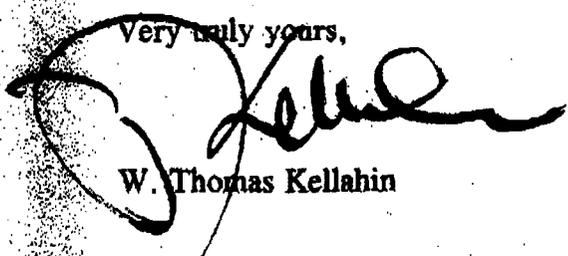
Re: REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE

NMOC Case No. 13006
Markham "33" Well No. 1 (A-33-14S-35E)
Application of Chesapeake Operating Inc.
for compulsory pooling,
Lea County, New Mexico.

Dear Ms. Wrotenberg:

On behalf of the applicant, please continue the referenced case which appears for hearing on the February 20, 2003 Examiner's docket to the Examiner's docket scheduled for March 13, 2003.

Very truly yours,


W. Thomas Kellahin

cfx: Chesapeake Operating Inc.
Attn: Lynda Townsend