

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED
BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

APPLICATION OF HEC PETROLEUM, INC.
TO AMEND THE SPECIAL RULES AND
REGULATIONS FOR THE CINTA ROJA-MORROW
GAS POOL, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

Case No. 13,300

RESPONSE IN OPPOSITION TO MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE

Robert E. Landreth has filed a motion to continue the hearing in the above matter (scheduled for July 8th) to July 22nd. Applicant opposes the motion, for the following reasons:

1. Mr. Landreth complains that the information in the application is insufficient for him to decide whether to oppose this case. However, Mr. Landreth has been an operator in the Cinta Roja-Morrow Gas Pool for a number of years, and certainly has geological and engineering data available to him on which to base a decision. This is an insufficient reason for a continuance.

2. Mr. Landreth implies that applicant refuses to speak with him. That is incorrect, and is not a basis for a continuance.

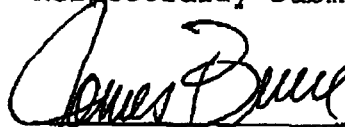
3. Applicant is presenting another (similar) case on July 8th (Case No. 13, 301), and thus will have its witnesses in Santa Fe. Since applicant will present geological and engineering data at the hearing, Mr. Landreth will be able to question applicant's witnesses, obtain more data, and make a decision later as to whether he opposes the application.

4. Mr. Landreth has not stated that he or his staff are unavailable to attend the hearing.

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WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, applicant requests that the motion for a continuance be denied.

Respectfully submitted,



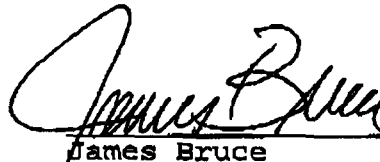
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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