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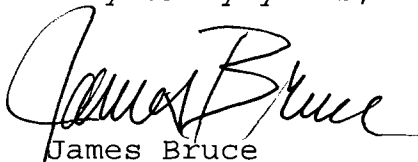
Re: Case 12734; application of Richardson Operating Company

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

Richardson Operating Company ("Richardson") has requested a special hearing date (before November 1, 2001). San Juan Coal Company ("SJCC") has requested a pre-hearing conference to discuss issues including standing, scope of the hearing, and a continuance to a special hearing date in December 2001. Mr. Kellahin is out of town until Wednesday. In addition, due to the cases on Thursday's docket, including the Rule 201.B case (No. 12739) and the Basin-Dakota case (No. 12748), it is unlikely that Richardson's case could be completed (or even started) on Thursday. Therefore, so that witnesses need not travel to Santa Fe unnecessarily, SJCC requests that (1) Richardson's case be continued from Thursday's docket, and (2) a pre-hearing conference be scheduled for early next week.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,



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