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Re: Case 13142, application of New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, through the Environment Bureau Chief for an Order Requiring Maralo, LLC to Remediate Hydrocarbon Contamination at an Abandoned Well and Battery Site, Lea County, New Mexico. (de novo)

Gentlemen and Ms. MacQuesten:

The captioned case is set for hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission on Thursday, October 14, 2004, at 9:00 a.m. I will be serving as counsel to the Commission, because David Brooks the usual counsel for the Commission was involved in the case at the Division level.

Messrs. Kellahin, Strange, Lauritzen and Sandoval and Ms. MacQuesten

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The Commission requires that all exhibits that a party proposes to offer in evidence be filed with the Commission and furnished to opposing counsel at the time of filing pre-hearing statements. In this case, pre-hearing statements and exhibits must be filed no later than Friday, October 8.

Should you have questions, or if you wish to call attention to any matter that needs to be addressed prior to hearing the merits, please feel free to call me (505)-476-3210.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carol Leach", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Carol Leach
General Counsel