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Hon. Michael E. Stogner Hearing Examiner New Mexico Oil Conservation Division 1220 S. St. Francis Drive Santa Fe, NM 87505

Re: Case No. 12981; Application of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division for an Order Authorizing the Division to Plug Sixteen (16) Wells; Lea and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico

Dear Examiner Stogner:

The Division requests that the hearing of the referenced matter be continued to the January 9, 2003 Examiner docket.

The Hobbs District Office does not presently have access to RBDMS and cannot obtain their inspection reports on these wells.

Should you have any questions, please call me at (505)-476-3450.

Very truly yours,

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