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**VIA FACSIMILE TO (505) 476-3462**

Oil and Gas Conservation Division  
New Mexico Energy Minerals and Natural Resources Department  
1220 South St. Francis Drive  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: CASE 14629: Application of Blue Dolphin Production, LLC for Compulsory Pooling, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico ("Pooling Application")

To Whom It May Concern:

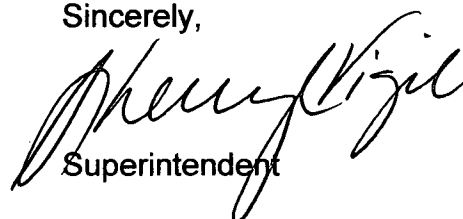
The Bureau of Indian Affairs ("BIA") recently received a notice indicating that the New Mexico Oil and Gas Conservation Division ("NMOCD") has scheduled a hearing on April 28, 2011 regarding the above-referenced "Pooling Application"

The Pooling Application encompasses interest in Indian oil and gas resources that are held in trust by the United States for the Jicarilla Apache Nation ("Nation"). The interests of the Pooling Applicant and the NMOCD are best served by postponing the hearing for one (1) month to provide an opportunity for further discussions regarding the substance of the Pooling Application. The need for a postponement is described in more detail my attached letter to Mr. J. Scott Hall, the attorney representing Blue Dolphin Production, LLC with respect to the Pooling Application.

The Pooling Application may, through its legal counsel, join the BIA in requesting a thirty (30) postponement. In any case, by this letter the BIA hereby requests a one (1) month postponement of the April 28, 2011 hearing for the reasons discussed herein and in the attached letter.

Please direct any questions about this matter to Mr. George Tetreault, Petroleum Engineer, BIA Southwest Regional Office at (505) 563.3336.

Sincerely,

  
Superintendent

cc: Mr. J. Scott Hall, Esq., Montgomery & Andrews PA  
Mr. Levi Pesata, Jicarilla Apache Nation President  
George Tetreault, Petroleum Engineer, BIA Southwest Regional Office