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Mark Fesmire, Chairman
Oil Conservation Commission
1220 S. St. Francis Dr.
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Via Hand-Delivery

Re: CASE NO. 14463 – AMENDED APPLICATION OF WILLIAMS PRODUCTION CO., LLC FOR APPROVAL OF A CLOSED-LOOP SYSTEM FOR THE ROSA SWD WELL NO. 2 AND FOR THE IN-PLACE BURIAL OF DRILLING WASTES AT ANOTHER WELL LOCATION, NEW MEXICO

Dear Chairman Fesmire:

I just received Williams Production Co., LLC's letter dated May 17, 2010, requesting a special hearing date to allow Case No. 14463 to be heard as soon as possible. The Oil Conservation Division opposes this request for several reasons. Oil Conservation Commission/Division rules require notice of each adjudicatory hearing before the Oil Conservation Commission. That has not happened yet. The issues in this case are significant because they will determine whether drilling waste from a remote locate can be disposed of in a temporary pit. The Commission's ruling will have widespread ramifications on how the Pit Rule is applied. The Oil Conservation Division needs time to prepare its case. In the next week we will lose two days due to a mandatory statewide furlough day on May 28 and a state holiday on May 31. Staff involved with the hearing have other scheduling commitments as well. We ask that the June 17 hearing date be kept.

Sincerely,



Sonny Swazo
OCD Attorney

Cc: Ocean Munds-Dry, Counsel for Applicant Williams Production Co. LLC

