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Copies of the Application for hearing and COG's C-108 Application for Authorization to Inject are enclosed.

This application will be set for hearing before a Division Examiner on April 1, 2010, at 8:15 a.m. at the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, 1220 South St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico. You are not required to attend this hearing, but as an owner of an interest that may be affected, you may appear and present testimony. Failure to appear at that time and become a party of record will preclude you from challenging this application at a later time. If you intend to attend the hearing and present testimony or

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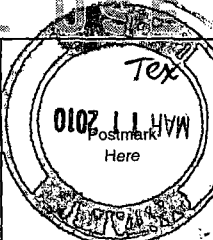
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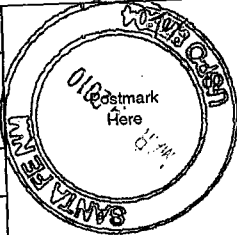
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