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Re: NMOCD Case No. 11385 Motion to Dismiss:
Motion of Texaco Exploration and Production Inc. to Dismiss Motion of Santa Fe Energy Resources, Inc. ("Santa Fe") to Reopen Case or, in the Alternative, Application for Hearing *De Novo*.

Dear Mr. Catanach:

We are in receipt of James Bruce's November 1, 1995 letter informing you that he will not be handling the above case due to a conflict. Despite Mr. Bruce's request for additional time to respond to Texaco's Motion to Dismiss Santa Fe's Motion to Reopen this case, we request that you hear arguments on Texaco's Motion as soon as possible.

While Santa Fe's Motion has been set for the Thursday, November 16, 1995 docket, Texaco has pressing need for an immediate hearing on Texaco's Motion to Dismiss. In reliance on Order No. R-10467, entered September 27, 1995, Texaco has made arrangements to spud this well by the end of the month. Texaco faces a lease expiration if a well is not spudded on this acreage by November 30, 1995.

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Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,



William F. Carr
Paul R. Owen

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