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Re: Case No. 11,507, In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion to permit the current operator Petroleum Development Corporation, United New Mexico Bank of Albuquerque, and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the El Posa Ranch Well Nos. 8 and 11 in Section 14, Township 28 North, Range 1 East, NMPM, as project into the unsurveyed Tierra Amarilla Land Grant, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division approved plugging program.

Dear Mr. Prucino:

I am in receipt of your letter dated April 1, 1996 requesting a sixty day continuance of the hearing presently scheduled for April 4, 1996 in the matter concerning the four wells that are the subject of this proceeding. There are only two wells in this case. Also, your letter did not address the connection between Kachina Production Company, TA Resources, Inc., Fred B. Shelton, III, the U. S. BIA, and the Jacarilla Apache Indian Tribe with the current operator. Your request is hereby denied.

Perhaps after the presentation of background information at the hearing a request at that time for a deferral period to be included in any order issued by the Division would be an acceptable approach for your client.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Stogner
Chief Hearing Officer/Engineer

cc: Oil Conservation Division - Aztec
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Rand Carroll, Counsel - OCD, Santa Fe
File: Case 11,507