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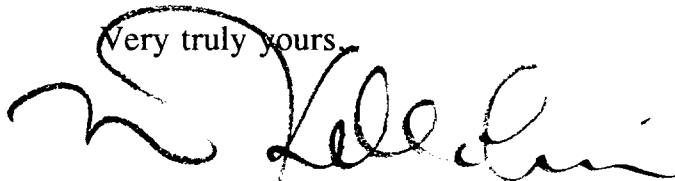
Oil Conservation Division

Re: REQUEST FOR HEARING DENOVO
NMOCD CASE 11514
Order No. R-10622
Application of Read & Stevens, Inc.
for an Unorthodox Infill Gas Well
Location and Simultaneous Dedication,
Chaves County, N.M.

Dear Mr. LeMay:

On behalf of Read & Stevens, Inc., please find enclosed our request for a Hearing DeNovo of the referenced case before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission. We request that this matter be set for hearing on the September 18, 1996 docket. We anticipate that this case will take 4-5 hours of testimony.

Very truly yours,



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