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VIA TELECOPIER

Michael Stogner
David Catanach
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
2040 South Pacheco Street
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Re: Case No. 11529; Hartman Application for Amendment to Division Order R-5448, Acreage Rededication, Formation of Two Non-Standard Proration Units, Approval of Unorthodox Well Location, Compulsory Pooling, and for Order Requiring Meridian Oil, Inc. to Pay Revenues

Dear Messrs. Stogner and Catanach:

I am in receipt of a fax from Mr. Stogner asking if we will agree to a continuance to May 30 in the above-referenced case. I am writing both of you because it is my understanding that Mr. Catanach is the Examiner for the May 16 docket. This case was continued to that docket by Hartman as the applicant. Meridian has indicated no objection to that continuance. I am not sure why Mr. Stogner is handling this matter and would request clarification on who is responsible for pre-hearing matters.

We will provide you with a formal response to Mr. Kellahin's letter dated April 29, 1996 shortly. I would point out, however, that Mr. Kellahin has not yet requested a continuance. His letter states that "if this matter is not resolved before then [May 16], I will need to request a continuance to May 30, 1996." In light of the fact that Meridian has not yet requested a continuance, and given that there is substantial time remaining between now and May 16, I would request clarification on why a "quick" response is necessary.

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I will look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

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