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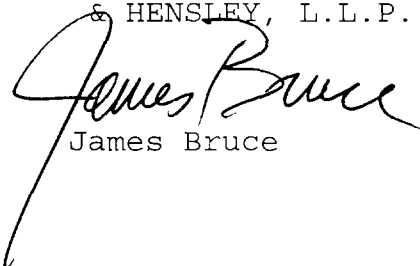
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Dear Mr. Stogner:

Read & Stevens, Inc. has refused to voluntarily continue Case 11514 to the May 16th Examiner hearing. As noted in my motion for continuance, UMC Petroleum's engineer is not available for the May 2nd hearing. As a result, we again request that you grant a two week continuance. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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