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VIA FAX

David Catanach
Hearing Examiner
Oil Conservation Division
2040 South Pacheco
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

RE: NMOCD Cases 11808 and 11809

Application of Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Co. for compulsory pooling, Sections 8 and 9, T31N-R10W, NMPM Sen Juan County,

New Mexico

Dear Mr. Catanach:

The referenced cases are currently set for hearing before you this Thursday, July 10, 1997. On behalf of Lee Wayne Moore and Joann Montgomery Moore, Trustees and Timothy B. Johnson, Trustee for Ralph A. Bard, Jr. Trust U/A/D February 12, 1983 et al., affected working interest owners in the referenced cases, we have filed a Motion for Continuance as well as a Motion to Dismiss these cases. In addition last week we served a Subpoena Duces Tecum on Burlington's counsel, Mr. Kellahin, seeking certain documents that are necessary in order for us to adequately prepare for this hearing. As yet we have had no response from Burlington. In light of the foregoing, we reqest acknowledgement from you that these cases will be continued from the July 10, 1997 docket until such time as the pending motions are heard and/or until the Movants have had an opportunity to conduct a meaningful review of the documents sought from Burlington.

Very truly yours,

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