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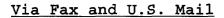
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Re: Case 11842 (Application of Mewbourne Oil Company for an unorthodox gas well location, Lea County, New Mexico)

Dear Mr. LeMay:

Please continue the above case to the November 6, 1997 Examiner Hearing. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Counsel of record (via fax)