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Re: Case Nos. 11958 and 11959, Applications of Ocean Energy, Inc., and Case No. 11934, Application of Yates Petroleum Company, all concerning the forced pooling of certain mineral interests and the dedication of acreage in the southern one-third of irregular Section 2, Township 16 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

Dear Messrs. Bruce and Carr:

Reference is made to Mr. Bruce's letter dated April 8, 1998, requesting the continuation of the three aforementioned cases to the April 30, 1998 Division Examiner's docket, and to my meeting with Mr. William F. Carr on Thursday, April 9, 1998. Due to scheduling irregularities and workloads within the Division, the three subject cases will be continued to the May 14, 1998 Examiner's hearing. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Stogner  
Chief Hearing Officer/Engineer

cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Hobbs  
File: Case No. 11958  
Case No. 11959  
Case No. 11934  
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April 8, 1998

**Via Fax and U.S. Mail**

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Re: Cases 11,958 and 11,959 (UMC Petroleum Corporation)  
Case 11934 (Yates Petroleum Corporation)

Dear Mr. Stogner:

Ocean Energy, Inc. ("OEI," formerly UMC Petroleum Corporation ("UMC")) requests that the above cases<sup>1</sup> be continued for two weeks. The reasons for the request are as follows:

1. Due to recently acquired title information, additional parties have had to be notified of the application in Case 11,959. As a result, the additional parties have not been given the requisite 20 day notice of the hearing date;
2. Due to the merger of UMC into OEI, the applications in Cases 11,958 and 11,959 have had to be amended, and the cases re-advertised; and
3. Two of OEI's witnesses, including the geologist for this prospect, have scheduling conflicts with the April 16th hearing date.

OEI notes that, because of other contested cases scheduled for the April 30th docket, that date may not be convenient for the Division. Please call if you have any questions.

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<sup>1</sup>The three cases involve the same property.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Bruce". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

James Bruce

Attorney for Ocean Energy, Inc.

cc: William F. Carr (via fax)