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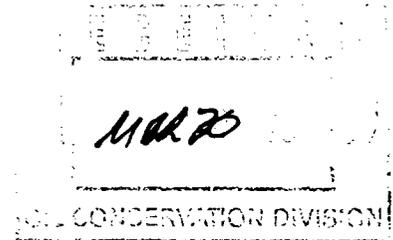
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Via Fax and U.S. Mail

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

Re: Cases 11934/11958/11959 (UMC/Yates)

Dear Mr. Catanach:

UMC Petroleum Corporation requests a continuance of the above cases to the April 16, 1998 Examiner hearing. I understand that Mr. Carr, on behalf of Yates, does not object to the continuance.

Please note that another continuance may be necessary: At this time, another contested matter is scheduled for the April 16th docket, and thus there may not be sufficient time on the 16th to hear this matter.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

James Bruce

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cc: William F. Carr (via fax)
Laura B. Smith