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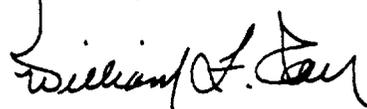
Re: ***Oil Conservation Division Case No. 12050:
Application of Strata Production Company for an Order Directing Exxon
Company, U.S.A. to Remove an Overriding Royalty Interest from Acreage
in Lea County, New Mexico***

Dear Ms Wrotenbery:

Strata Production Company respectfully requests that this matter which is currently set on the Division docket for the September 17, 1998 Examiner hearings be continued to the October 8, 1998 Examiner hearing docket.

Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



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cc: Ms Jo McInerney
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