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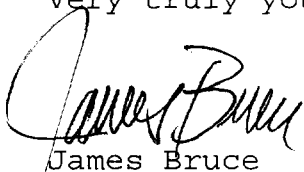
Re: Case 12131; Application of Santa Fe Energy Resources,
Inc. for an unorthodox gas well location, Lea County, New
Mexico

Case 12145; Application of Santa Fe Energy Resources,
Inc. for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

By letter dated March 1, 1999, I asked that Case 12131 be continued. The Division continued the case to the April 15th Examiner hearing. Case 12145 is set for the March 18th hearing. Because both cases involve the same land, I ask that both cases be continued to the April 1st Examiner hearing. The reason for this request is that the applicant has a drilling deadline in May 1999, and wishes both cases to be heard as soon as possible. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,



James Bruce

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cc: W. Thomas Kellahin (via fax)