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March 27, 2000

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Florene Davidson Oil Conservation Division 2040 South Pacheco Street Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Dear Florene:

Enclosed are an original and two copies of an application for compulsory pooling and an unorthodox gas well location, together with a proposed advertisement, filed on behalf of KCS Medallion Resources, Inc. Please set this case for the April 20, 2000 Examiner hearing. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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