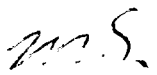


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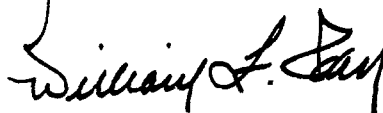
RE: *In the matter of Case 12478: The Application of Richardson Operating Company for an unorthodox gas well location, San Juan County, New Mexico.*

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery,

Richardson Operating Company hereby requests that the Examiner Hearing in the above-referenced case which is currently scheduled for August 24th, 2000 be continued to the September 7th, 2000 Examiner Hearing Docket.

Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



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cc: Cathy Colby
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