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Chief Examiner Michael Stogner New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission 2040 South Pacheco Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

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Marilyn S. Hebert. New Mexico Oil Conservation Division 2040 South Pacheco Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: Application of Pendragon Energy Partners to Produce the Chaco 2R Well, NMOCD Case 12479

Dear Mr. Stogner and Ms. Hebert:

Yesterday, August 14, 2000, on behalf of Whiting Petroleum Corporation and Maralex Resources, Inc. we filed a Motion to Dismiss Or To Stay the above application. This application is an outgrowth of the cases heard by the Division and the Commission which resulted in Orders Nos. R-11133 and R-11133-A, *de novo*. The decision by the Commission has been appealed by Pendragon to the First Judicial District Court for Santa Fe County.

It is respectfully requested that the motion be set before August 24th or alternatively, the setting of this application on the August 24, 2000 docket be confined to hearing and deciding the motion to dismiss. If that is not the procedure, both sides will be put to considerable expense and the travel of witnesses from out-of-state to Santa Fe, all which could be an unnecessary expenditure of time and money if the motion is granted.

Sincerely,

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