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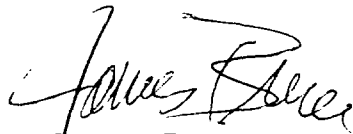
Mark Ashley  
Oil Conservation Division  
2040 South Pacheco Street  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: Case 12538 (Application of Ricks Exploration, Inc.)

Dear Mr. Ashley:

Enclosed is the affidavit of publication, regarding notice to the unlocatable interest owners.

Very truly yours,



James Bruce

Attorney for Ricks  
Exploration, Inc.

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LEGAL NOTICE

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To: Janet Leigh Montoya and  
Jo Nell Ingram, or their heirs  
or devisees: Ricks Explora-  
tion, Inc. has applied to the  
Oil Conservation Division for  
the creation of the North Trini-  
ty-Devonian Pool, to initially  
cover the SE1/4 of Section  
22, Township 12 South,  
Range 38 East, NMPM, Lea  
County, New Mexico, and the  
promulgation of Special Rules  
and Regulations for the pool,  
including 160-acre spacing  
and special well location re-  
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