

## NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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Via Facsimile and First Class Mail

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Re: Case No. 12563 In the matter of the application of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division for termination of gas prorationing in the Jalmat and Eumont Gas Pools and to amend the special pool rules governing both pools, Lea County.

Dear Mike,

As we discussed, the sudden departure of the new attorney assigned to the Division has made it necessary to reschedule this matter. It will not be heard on March 22 as originally scheduled. At this time, we are hoping to continue the matter to the Division Hearing of May 31. This should give us ample time to find a replacement attorney and allow that person a reasonable time to become familiar with the Jalmat/Eumont issues.

Please convey my apologies to Mr. Hartman for the additional delay in hearing this matter; none of us thought we would be without an attorney so soon.

Please feel free to give me a call if you have any questions.

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