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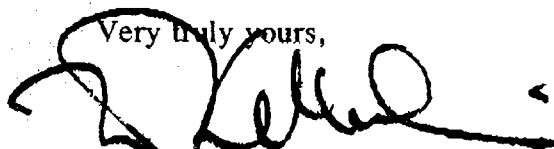
Mr. David R. Catanach, Hearing Examiner
Oil Conservation Division
1220 South St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

Re: *NMOCD Case No. 12595*
Buchanan "5" Well No. 1
Application of Chesapeake Operating, Inc.
for an unorthodox well location, Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Catanach:

On behalf of Chesapeake Operating, Inc., I would appreciate you
dismissing the referenced case heard on the February 22, 2001 docket.

Very truly yours,



W. Thomas Kellahin

cc: *Chesapeake Operating, Inc.*
Attn: Lynda Townsend