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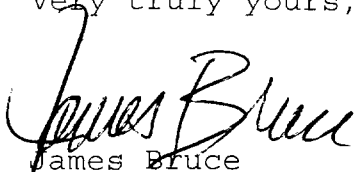
Lori Wrotenbery
Oil Conservation Division
1220 South St. Francis Drive
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Re: Case 12688; application of McElvain Oil & Gas Properties,
Inc.

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

Enclosed is a Motion for a Continuance in the above case. The
Division's attention to this matter is appreciated. Thank you.

Very truly yours,



James Bruce

Attorney for Apache Corporation

cc: Counsel of record