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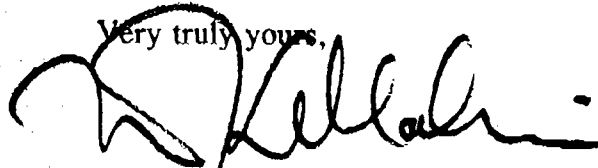
Ms. Lori Wrotenbery, Director
Oil Conservation Division
1220 South Saint Francis Drive
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE*NMOCD Case No. 12709**Application of Melrose Operating Company
to expand its Artesia Unit Waterflood Project,
Eddy County, New Mexico.*

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

On behalf of the applicant, please continue the referenced case which appears for hearing on the August 9, 2001 Examiner's docket to the Examiner's docket scheduled for August 23, 2001.

Very truly yours,



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