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Mr. Michael E. Stogner Hearing Examiner New Mexico Oil Conservation Division 1220 S. St. Francis Drive Santa Fe, NM 87505

Re: Case No. 12726; Application for Order Shutting In Wells, Canceling Allowables and Assessing Civil Penalties, Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Stogner:

Counsel for Tom R. Cone has informed me that Cone is obtaining single well bonds for each of the six inactive wells acquired from Glen Plemons. However, due to the mechanics of issuance of the bonds, it is doubtful if they will be in possession of the Division by Thursday, October 18.

If these bonds are furnished, the Division is prepared to request dismissal of the application for coercive measures. In order to allow time for compliance with the representations of Cone's counsel, the Division hereby requests that this case be continued to the November 1, 2001 examiner's docket.

Very truly yours,

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