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Via Facsimile

Ms. Lori Wrotenbery, Director
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1220 South Saint Francis Drive
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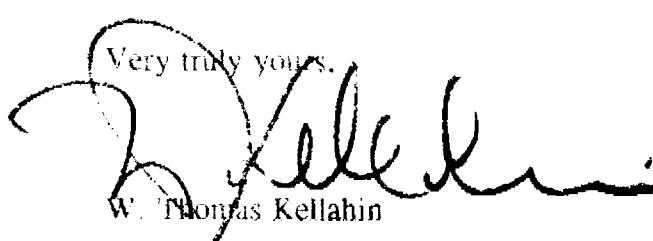
Re: **BASIN DAKOTA INCREASED WELL DENSITY**
NMOCDCase 12745
Application of Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company and Conoco Inc. to amend the Special Rules and Regulations for the Basin Dakota Gas Pool to increase well density and amend well location requirements, San Juan, McKinley, Sandoval and Rio Arriba Counties, New Mexico.

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

On behalf of Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company and Conoco Inc., I filed the referenced case which has been set for hearing on the Division Examiner's docket scheduled for October 18, 2001 at the Division Hearing Room in Santa Fe. The Aztec Office of the Division has suggested that the location of the hearing be changed from Santa Fe to Farmington. Burlington is opposed to the change of hearing location.

To the best of my knowledge, this application has the overwhelming support of the Basin Dakota operators and has been endorsed by the Bureau of Land Management. It has been the subject of several public meetings, the last of which was held by the OCD-Aztec on Tuesday, September 25th at the San Juan Community College. The only individuals who expressed any concern about the rule change were individuals with surface use concerns which are outside of the jurisdiction of the Division.

Very truly yours,


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