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Via Hand Delivered and Facsimile

Ms. Lori Wrotenbery, Chairman
Oil Conservation Commission
1220 South Saint Francis Drive
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87506

Re: Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company and
Richardson Operating Company Objection to
San Juan Coal Company Request to Stay Division
Order R-8768-C NMOCDC Case 12888 (De Novo)

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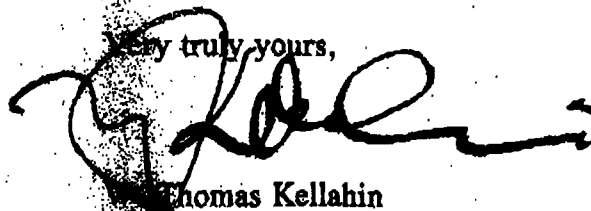
Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

On behalf of Richardson Operating Company and Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company, today I received by US Mail a copy of an application by San Juan Coal Company for a stay of Division Order R-8768-C which was filed with the Commission on December 5, 2002.

In violation of Division Rule 1208.A, San Juan Coal Company mailed a copy of their application rather than hand deliver or transmit it by facsimile. By doing so, San Juan Coal Company has attempted to preclude me from filing an objection before the Commission act on this application.

Accordingly, I request that the Commission set the application for hearing so that San Juan Coal Company can appear and show cause why their application should not be denied.

Very truly yours,



Thomas Kellahin

cc: Steve Ross

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