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Via Fax

David K. Brooks  
Oil Conservation Division  
1220 South St. Francis Drive  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: Case No. 12941; application of Mewbourne Oil Company  
("Mewbourne") for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New  
Mexico

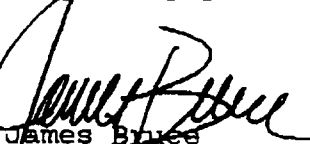
Dear Mr. Brooks:

Mewbourne requests a continuance in the above matter, to the  
December 5th Examiner hearing. This would be the third continuance  
of this case.

Mewbourne has come to terms with five of the parties it is seeking  
to pool, and has a signed letter agreement with the remaining  
party. The term assignment being negotiated under the letter  
agreement is almost final, and the parties are now quibbling over  
one word in the assignment. They believe they will reach  
agreement, and thus would like to avoid the expense of a hearing if  
possible. As a result, they request an exception to the Division's  
"two continuance" rule.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,



James Bruce

Attorney for Mewbourne Oil Company