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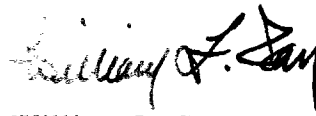
**Re: Case No. 12972: Application of Paladin Energy Corp. for
amendment of the Special Pool Rules and Regulations for the
Bagley Siluro-Devonian Pool to assign a special depth bracket
allowable, Lea County, New Mexico.**

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

Paladin Energy Corp. hereby requests that the Examiner Hearing in the
above-referenced case, currently scheduled for December 5, 2002, be continued
to the January 9, 2003, Examiner Hearing Docket.

Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



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Attorney for Paladin Energy Corp.

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