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**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

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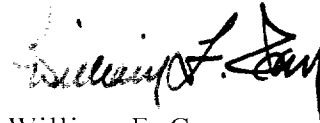
***Re: Case No. 12973: Application of Paladin Energy Corp. for a  
non-standard oil spacing unit, Lea County, New Mexico.***

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,



William F. Carr  
Attorney for Paladin Energy Corp.

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