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**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Lori Wrotenberg, Director  
Oil Conservation Division  
New Mexico Energy, Minerals &  
Natural Resources Department  
1220 South St. Francis Drive  
Santa Fe, NM 87504

**Re: Application by McElvain Oil & Gas Properties, Inc.  
for Compulsory Pooling, San Juan County, New Mexico  
Case No. 12977**

Dear Ms. Wrotenberg:

McElvain Oil & Gas Properties Inc., requests that the Examiner Hearing in the above-referenced matter, currently scheduled for January 9, 2003, be continued to the February 6, 2003 Examiner docket. Due to the Holidays, McElvain has been unable to finalize voluntary agreements with the affected parties, but anticipates final agreements by the first part of February. This is McElvain's second request for a continuance of this matter.

Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Sincerely,



Michael H. Feldewert

cc: Mona Binion (via facsimile to 303/893-0933)