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## VIA FACSIMILE

Ms. Lori Wrotenberg Director Oil Conservation District 1220 South Saint Francis Drive Santa Fe, New Mexics 27505

Re: REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE

NMOCD Case 18, 18014

Laughlin "8" Marino. 1 (A-8-20S-37E)

Application of Marino E & P Company
for compulsory seeding,

Lea County, Nationalization.

Dear Ms. Wrotenberr

On behalf of applicant, please continue the referenced case which appears for hearing at the March 27, 2003 Examiner's docket to the Examiner's docket statuled for April 10, 2003. Matador believes that it has reached a volumery agreement with Arch Petroleum, Inc. and is awaiting signing the statuments.

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