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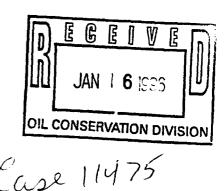
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## **HAND-DELIVERED**

William J. LeMay, Director Oil Conservation Division New Mexico Department of Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources 2040 South Pacheco Street Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505



Re: Application of Texaco Exploration and Production Inc., for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. LeMay:

Enclosed in triplicate is the Application of Texaco Exploration and Production Inc., in the above-referenced case as well as a copy of a legal advertisement. Texaco Exploration and Production Inc., respectfully requests that this matter be set for hearing before a Division Examiner on February 22, 1996.

Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Very truly yours.

WILLIAM F. CARR

WFC:mlh Enclosures

cc: Mr. Ron Lanning (w/enclosures)

Texaco Exploration and Production Inc.

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