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HAND-DELIVERED

William J. LeMay, Director New Mexico Oil Conservation Division 2040 South Pacheco Street Santa Fe, NM 87505

Re: Hartman Application for Compulsory Pooling as to the SW/4 of Section 23, T-

26-S, R-37-E, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico, Case No. 11476

Dear Mr. LeMay:

This matter is currently set on the Division's docket for April 18, 1996. Texaco has a similar application for force pooling pending as to the same acreage on the same docket in Case No. 11475 and recently filed an amended application. Hartman hereby requests that this matter be continued to the Division's docket on May 2, 1996. I understand Texaco is requesting a similar continuance. No other party has entered an appearance in either case. A continuance would facilitate negotiations between Texaco and Hartman regarding an agreement for the development of the acreage at issue in both applications.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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