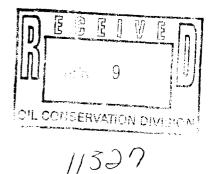
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Re: Application of Texaco Exploration and Production Inc. for an unorthodox well location, for a leaseline production well and simultaneous dedication, Lea County, New Mexico

April 9, 1996

Dear Mr. LeMay:

Enclosed in triplicate is the Application of Texaco Exploration and Production Inc. in the above-referenced case as well as a legal advertisement. Texaco respectfully requests that this matter be placed on the docket for the May 2, 1996 Examiner hearings.

Very truly yours,

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WILLIAM F. CARR

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