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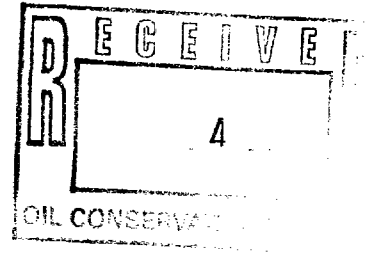
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**HAND DELIVERED**

David R. Catanach  
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2040 South Pacheco Street  
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Re: **MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE**

Case 11613: Application of Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company for  
Compulsory Pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Catanach:

Enclosed is the Entry of Appearance of Penwell Energy, Inc in the above referenced case and Penwell's Response to Burlington's Motion to Consolidate Pooling Cases and Penwell's Request for a Continuance of the hearing in Case 11613.

It appears that I will be unable to attend the September 26, 1996 Examiner Hearing due to a conflict in my schedule caused by the rescheduling of this hearing from September 19 to September 26. Tanya Trujillo will represent Penwell should the hearing on the Burlington application proceed on that date. As stated in the enclosed pleading, Penwell will not have witnesses available on September 26.

If the Burlington case is presented on September 26, Penwell will request at the conclusion of their case that the hearing be continued to October 3rd at which time Penwell will present its evidence. If the cases are not heard at the same time on October 3rd, the only opportunity to have all issues resolved concerning the operatorship of this well presented at one time will be before the Commission at some date in November or December of this year thereby substantially delaying the drilling of the subject well.

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Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wm F Carr", written in a cursive style.

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