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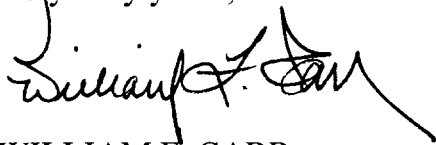
Re: Application of Texaco Exploration and Production Inc., for compulsory pooling, an unorthodox surface location and directional drilling, Lea County, New Mexico

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 November 21, 1996.

Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



WILLIAM F. CARR

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Ronald W. Lanning (w/enclosures)
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