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William J. LeMay, Director Oil Conservation Division New Mexico Department of Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources 2040 South Pacheco Street Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503

> Re: Application of Apache Corporation for Compulsory Pooling, Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. LeMay:

Enclosed in triplicate is the Application of Apache Corporation in the above-referenced case as well as a copy of the legal advertisement. Apache Corporation, requests that this matter be placed on the docket for the May 29, 1997 Examiner hearings.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM F. CARR

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cc: Mr. Gary Carson (w/enclosures)

Apache Corporation