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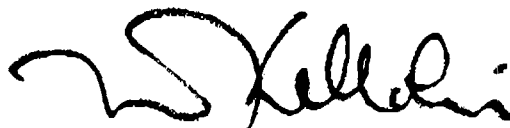
Mr. Michael E. Stogner
Chief Hearing Examiner
Oil Conservation Division
2040 South Pacheco
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: NMOCD Case 11801
Application of OXY USA Inc.
for Compulsory Pooling,
Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Stogner:

I agreed with Mr. Carr, attorney for Penwell Energy, Inc. in this matter, that I would continue this case until he returned from vacation. Accordingly, I would appreciate you continuing the referenced case from the Examiner docket schedule for June 26, 1997 to the Examiner hearing docket now scheduled for July 10, 1997.

Very truly yours,



W. Thomas Kellahin

cfx: OXY USA Inc.

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cfx: William F. Carr, Esq.

Attorney for Penwell Energy, Inc.