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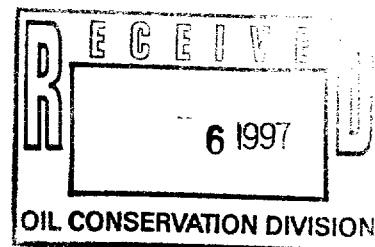
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William J. LeMay, Director  
Oil Conservation Division  
New Mexico Department of Energy,  
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2040 South Pacheco Street  
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Re: Oil Conservation Division Case No. 11805:  
Application of Penwell Energy Inc., for Compulsory Pooling, Eddy County,  
New Mexico

Dear Mr. LeMay:

Penwell Energy Inc., respectfully requests that this matter which is currently set on the Division docket for the August 7, 1997 hearings be continued to the August 21, 1997 Examiner docket.

Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William F. Carr". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "W" and "C".

WILLIAM F. CARR  
WFC:mlh

cc: Mr. Mark Wheeler