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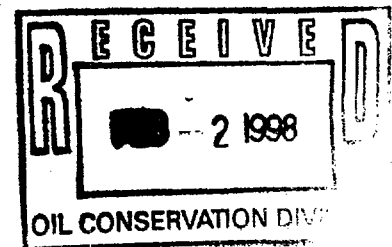
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**Re: In the Matter of the Application of Pioneer Natural
Resources USA, Inc. for Compulsory Pooling, Lea County,
New Mexico**

Dear Ms. Davidson:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter, please find the original and three copies of the Application with an attached exhibit and a Proposed Advertisement.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

**HINKLE, COX, EATON, COFFIELD,
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