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Lori Wrotenbery, Director Oil Conservation Division New Mexico Department of Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources 2040 South Pacheco Street Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: Oil Conservation Division Case No. 11978:

Application of Penwell Energy, Inc. for Compulsory Pooling, Lea County,

New Mexico

Dear Ms Wrotenbery:

Penwell Energy, Inc., applicant in the above-captioned case, respectfully requests that the above-referenced hearing in this case which is currently set on the May 28, 1998 Examiner docket be dismissed.

Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM F. CARR

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cc: Mr. Mark Wheeler

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