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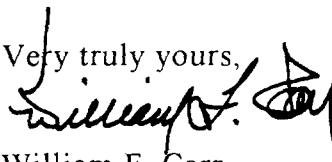
Re: **Oil Conservation Division Case 11986: (Reopened)** In the matter of Case 11986 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Division Order No. R-11059, which order promulgated temporary special pool rules and regulations for the Tatum-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool in Lea County, New Mexico.

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

Oil Conservation Division Order No. R-11059 adopted temporary special pool rules and regulations for the Tatum-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool including provisions for 80-acre oil well spacing. This case is included on the October 18, 2001 examiner hearing docket to enable operators in the pool to appear and show cause why the temporary pool rules and regulations for the pool should not be rescinded.

Saba Energy of Texas, Inc. was the original applicant in that case. I have reviewed this matter with Saba and can advise the Division that Saba Energy of Texas, Inc. will not appear at the October 18th examiner hearing and does not oppose an order rescinding the temporary pool rules and regulations for the Tatum-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool.

Very truly yours,



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