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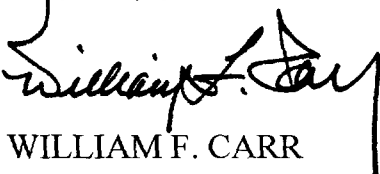
Re: ***Oil Conservation Division Case No. 12048:  
Application of Penwell Energy, Inc. for Compulsory Pooling, Lea County,  
New Mexico***

Dear Ms Wrotenbery:

Penwell Energy, Inc., respectfully requests that this matter which is currently set on the Division docket for the September 17, 1998 hearings be continued to the October 22, 1998 Examiner docket.

Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



WILLIAM F. CARR  
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cc: Mr. Mark Wheeler