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Mr. Joe D. Ramey, Director New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission P. O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

> Case No. 5958, Order No. R-5559 Hearing de Novo - Continental Oil Company

Dear Mr. Ramey:

Subsequent to the initial hearing in the above case, Southern Union Gas Company suffered a fire at its plant at Lybrook. This has resulted in extremely high line pressures, and it has been impossible for Continental Oil Company to make the tests necessary to support its position on a hearing de novo, as anticipated. It does not appear that these tests can be made for several months.

For this reason it is requested that the hearing de novo, presently set for January 11, 1978, be dismissed, but without prejudice to refiling a new application based upon additional information at some time in the future.

Your consideration of this request will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

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CC: V. T. Lyon Fred Hull

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