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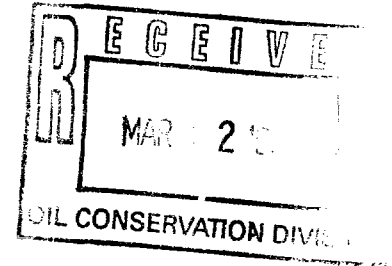
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William J. LeMay, Director
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Minerals and Natural Resources
2040 South Pacheco Street
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Re: Application of Penwell Energy, Inc. for an Exception to the Salt Protection Casing String Requirements of Division Order No. R-111-P, Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. LeMay:

Enclosed in triplicate is the Application of Penwell Energy, Inc. in the above-referenced case as well as a copy of a legal advertisement. Penwell Energy, Inc. respectfully requests that this matter be placed on the docket for the April 4, 1996 Examiner hearings.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William F. Carr".

WILLIAM F. CARR

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Enclosures

cc: Mark Wheeler (w/enclosures)
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