BEFORE THE

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND MINERALS

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF TENNECO OIL COMPANY FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE 7971

ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Comes now, CAMPBELL, BYRD & BLACK, P.A. and hereby enters its appearance in the above-styled case for Northwest Pipeline Company.

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October 21, 1983

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

Tenneco Oil Company Re:

Dear Mr. Ramey:

This letter will confirm my telephone conversation with your secretary this morning withdrawing my letter to you dated October 17, 1983.

Tenneco Oil Company still wants to proceed with its compulsory pooling case 7971 for pooling the E/2 of Section 2, T30N, R11W, San Juan County, New Mexico.

I understand that this case is still on the docket for hearing on October 26, 1983.

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Re: Tenneco Oil Company

Dear Mr. Ramey:

Jason Kellahin

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W. Thomas Kellahin

At my request you have docketed an application by Tenneco Oil Company for a compulsory pooling order for hearing on October 26, 1983 as case 7971.

I am informed by Tenneco Oil Company that all parties have now voluntarily agreed to participate and that this case may now be dismissed.

Very truly yours

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cc: Mr. Jeff Elliott (Tenneco - Denver) LAW OFFICES OF

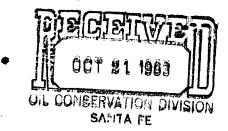
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Mr. Joe D. Ramey Secretary-Director New Mexico Oil Conservation Division P.O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501-2088

> NMOCD #7971 Re:

Tenneco Pooling Docket 37-83

Dear Mr. Ramey:

We note with interest that the applicant in the above styled matter is (among other things) seeking an order reducing an overriding royalty burden. We have thought about the statutes under which the Division operates and we have some doubts as to jurisdiction in a matter concerning an overriding royalty.

These ex parte comments may be taken for what they are worth. Offhand, our feeling is that the Division may be setting a very interesting precedent.

> Respectfully submitted, Heorge H. Hunker, Ja.

George H. Hunker, Jr.

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