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Attention: William J. LeMay
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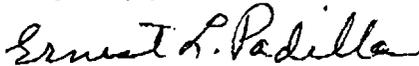
RE: APPLICATION OF MANZANO OIL CORPORATION
OCC CASE NO. 11,504 (DE NOVO)

Dear Mr. LeMay:

Please consider this letter as Julian Ard's request for dismissal of his de novo application in the above-referenced case.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please let us know.

Very truly yours,



ERNEST L. PADILLA

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