

BEFORE THE

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION  
OF THORNTON OPERATING CORPORATION  
FOR POOL CONTRACTION, POOL CREATION,  
THE PROMULGATION OF SPECIAL POOL  
RULES THEREFOR, A NON-STANDARD OIL  
PRORATION UNIT, DIRECTIONAL DRILLING,  
AND AN UNORTHODOX BOTTOM HOLE  
OIL WELL LOCATION,  
CHAVES COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO. 11615  
ORDER NO. R-9514-B

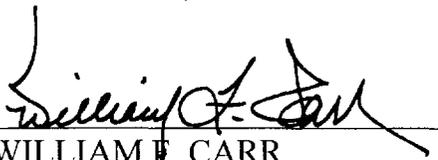
**APPLICATION FOR HEARING DE NOVO**

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THORNTON OPERATING CORPORATION, a party of record adversely affected  
by the decision of the Oil Conservation Division herein, hereby applies for a hearing De  
Novo before the full Commission, pursuant to N.M.Stat. Ann. § 70-2-13 (1987 Repl.).

Respectfully submitted,

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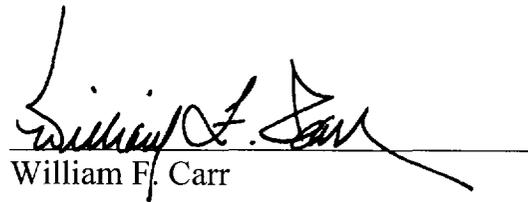
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Application for Hearing De Novo was hand-delivered this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1997 to the following:

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