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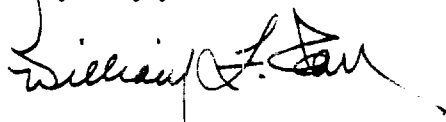
Re: Oil Conservation Division Case Nos. 11730, 11731, 11732, 11733, 11734 and  
11735:  
Applications of Penwell Energy, Inc. for Compulsory Pooling, Lea County,  
New Mexico

Dear Mr. LeMay:

Penwell Energy, Inc., respectfully requests that these cases currently set on the Division docket for the July 10, 1997 hearings be dismissed.

Your attention to these matters is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



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