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Re: Application of OXY USA, Inc., for Compulsory Pooling, Lea County, New

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Dear Mr. LeMay:

Enclosed in triplicate for filing is the Application of OXY USA, Inc. in the above-referenced case as well as a copy of the legal advertisement. OXY requests that this matter be placed on the docket for the May 1, 1997 Examiner hearings.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM F. CARR

WFC:mlh Enclosures

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