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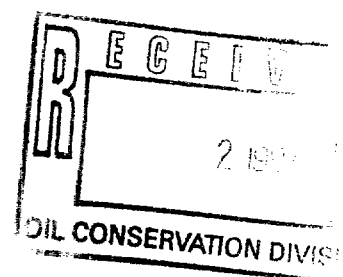
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William J. LeMay, Director
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Re: Oil Conservation Division Case No. 11796:
Application of Penwell Energy, Inc. for Compulsory Pooling, Eddy County,
New Mexico

Dear Mr. LeMay:

Penwell Energy, Inc., applicant in the above-captioned case, respectfully requests that the above-referenced hearing in this case which is currently set on the July 10, 1997 Examiner docket be dismissed.

Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

PAUL R. OWEN
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cc: Mr. Mark Wheeler
Penwell Energy, Inc.
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