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October 9, 2002  
**HAND-DELIVERED**

Lori Wrotenbery, Director  
Oil Conservation Division  
New Mexico Department of Energy,  
Minerals and Natural Resources  
1220 South St. Francis Drive  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Case 12956

Re: *Application of Great Western Drilling Company for Compulsory Pooling, Lea County, New Mexico*

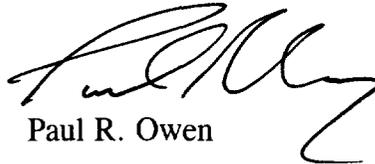
Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

Enclosed in triplicate is an Application of Great Western Drilling Company in the above-referenced case as well as a copy of a legal advertisement. Great Western Drilling Company respectfully requests that this matter be placed on the docket for the November 14, 2002 Examiner hearings.

This case competes with the Application for Compulsory Pooling filed by David H. Arrington Oil & Gas, Inc., and assigned NMOCDC case number 12942. Arrington's Case No. 12942 is scheduled to be heard on the September 10, 2002 Examiner Docket.

The legal advertisement is also on the enclosed disk in WordPerfect and Word format. If you have any questions, please call.

Very truly yours,



Paul R. Owen

Enclosures

cc: Michael Feldewert, Esq.  
Mr. Mike Heathington,  
Great Western Drilling Company