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FEDERAL EXPRESS

Ms. Florene Davidson New Mexico Oil Conservation Division 310 Old Santa Fe Trail Room 206 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503

Dear Florene:

Enclosed are an original and two copies each of three separate amended applications by Richmond Petroleum Inc. applications were previously filed under the name Richmond-Hogue Oil & Gas Partnership. Also, please note the changes in the application on the W1 § 10. Please set these matters for hearing on September 6, 1989.

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Very truly yours,

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- 1. Applicant previously filed a compulsory pooling application on the W½ of Section 10 under the name of Richmond-Hogue Oil & Gas Partnership. Due to a name change, Applicant should be listed as Richmond Petroleum Inc.
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conditions (the presence of Navajo Lake covering the $SW_{\frac{1}{4}}$ of Section 10), applicant cannot drill in the $SW_{\frac{1}{2}}$ of Section 10 and requests permission to drill and complete a well for the $W_{\frac{1}{2}}$ unit in the $NW_{\frac{1}{4}}$ of Section 10.

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11. Applicant requests that this matter be heard at the September 6, 1989 Examiner hearing.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that the Division grant the relief requested above.

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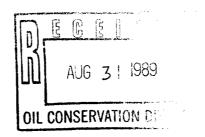
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Applicant:

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are two copies of the above-referenced Division order recently entered in the subject case.

Sincerely,

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