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William J. LeMay, Director  
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2040 South Pacheco Street  
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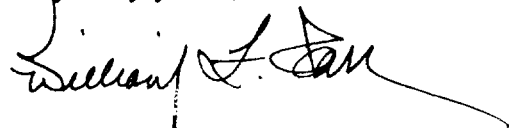
Re: Oil Conservation Division Case No. 11475:  
Application of Texaco Exploration and Production Inc. for Compulsory  
Pooling, Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. LeMay:

Texaco Exploration and Production Inc. hereby requests that the hearing in the above-referenced case scheduled for May 16, 1996 be continued until the May 30, 1996 Examiner hearing docket.

Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



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cc: Mr. Ronald W. Lanning