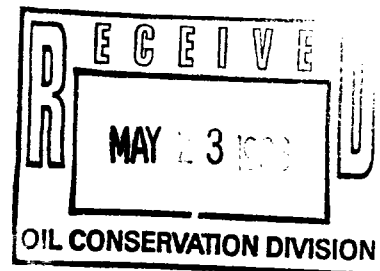


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Re: Hartman Application for Compulsory Pooling as to the SW/4 of Section 23, T-26-S, R-37-E, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico, Case No. 11476

Dear Mr. LeMay:

Please accept this letter as a request that the above-referenced matter be continued from the May 30, 1996 Examiner Hearing docket to the next available Examiner Hearing docket, which I understand is June 13, 1996. Texaco and Hartman previously had competing applications for compulsory pooling. Hartman and Texaco have reached an agreement regarding the development of this property, and Texaco has now withdrawn its application for compulsory pooling. We are currently attempting to determine whether compulsory pooling will be necessary with respect to some small interest owners, and would prefer to finalize that determination which may obviate the need for a compulsory pooling hearing.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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