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Mr. William J. Lemay
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Re: Case 11,609; Application of Shell Western E&P Inc. for an
unorthodox gas well location, Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Lemay:

Please continue the above case to the October 3, 1996 examiner
hearing. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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