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David R. Catanach, Hearing Examiner
Oil Conservation Division
New Mexico Department of Energy,
Minerals and Natural Resources
2040 South Pacheco Street
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: Oil Conservation Division Case No. 11656:
Application of Texaco Exploration and Production Inc. for Compulsory Pooling,
a High angle/Horizontal Directional Drilling Pilot, Project, an Unorthodox Gas
Well Location, and Special Operating Rules Therefor, Lea County, New Mexico

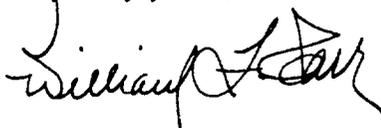
Oil Conservation Division Case No. 11678:
Application of Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company for Compulsory
Pooling, Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Catanach:

Pursuant to your request, enclosed is Texaco Exploration and Production Inc.'s proposed Order
in the above-captioned cases.

If you require anything further from Texaco to proceed with your consideration of these
matters, please advise.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosure

cc: W. Thomas Kellahin, Esq. (w/enclosure)
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