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**BEFORE THE
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Case No. 11726 Exhibit No. 5

Submitted by: ARCO Permian a unit of Atlantic Richfield

Hearing Date: March 6, 1997

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Very truly yours,

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WILLIAM F. CARR

ATTORNEY FOR ARCO PERMIAN,

A DIVISION OF ATLANTIC RICHFIELD COMPANY

WFC:mlh

Enc.

cc: Lee Scarborough

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4a. Article Number

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4b. Service Type

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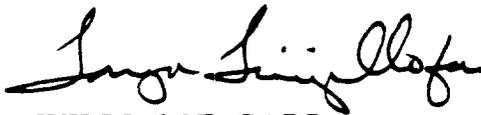
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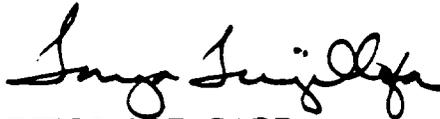
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Parties appearing in cases have been requested by the Division (Memorandum 2-90) to file a Prehearing Statement substantially in the form prescribed by the Division. Prehearing statements should be filed by 4:00 o'clock p.m. on the Friday before a scheduled hearing.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wm F Carr". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

WILLIAM F. CARR

ATTORNEY FOR ARCO PERMIAN,

A DIVISION OF ATLANTIC RICHFIELD COMPANY

WFC:mlh

Enc.

cc: Lee Scarborough

Is your **RETURN ADDRESS** completed on the reverse side?

SENDER:

- Complete items 1 and/or 2 for additional services.
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- Print your name and address on the reverse of this form so that we can return this card to you.
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4a. Article Number

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- COD
- Certified
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7. Date of Delivery

2/1/97

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WALTER HENRIQUEZ

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X *Walter Henriquez*

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Thank you for using Return Receipt Service.

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Mossman Midwest
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Postage	\$
Certified Fee	
Special Delivery Fee	
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Return Receipt Showing to Whom & Date Delivered	
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