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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. 11789 (Reopened):
Application of Apache Oil Corporation for Compulsory Pooling, Lea
County, New Mexico***

Dear Mr. LeMay:

Apache Oil Corporation, respectfully requests that the above-referenced hearing in this case which is currently set on the August 21, 1997 Examiner docket be dismissed.

Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

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