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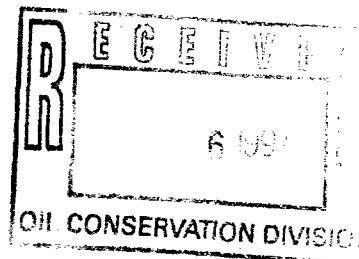
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2040 South Pacheco Street
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Re: ***Oil Conservation Division Case No. 11789 (Reopened):
Application of Apache Corporation for Compulsory Pooling, Lea County,
New Mexico***

Dear Mr. LeMay:

Apache Corporation respectfully requests that this matter which is currently set on the Division docket for the August 7, 1997 hearings be continued to the August 21, 1997 Examiner hearing docket.

Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

PAUL R. OWEN
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cc: Mr. Gary Carson
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