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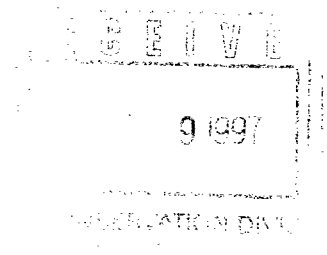
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William J. LeMay, Director
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2040 South Pacheco Street
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Re: Oil Conservation Division Case No. 11796:
Application of Penwell Energy Inc., for Compulsory Pooling, Eddy County,
New Mexico

Dear Mr. LeMay:

Penwell Energy Inc., respectfully requests that this matter which is currently set on the Division docket for the June 12, 1997 hearings be continued to the July 10, 1997 Examiner docket.

Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM F. CARR
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cc: Mr. Mark Wheeler
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