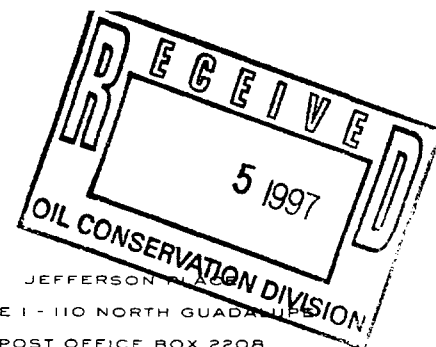


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Re: Oil Conservation Division Case No. 11854:
Application of Penwell Energy, Inc. for Compulsory Pooling, Eddy County,
New Mexico

Dear Mr. LeMay:

Penwell Energy, Inc., respectfully requests that this case which is currently set on the Division docket for the September 18, 1997 hearings be continued to the October 9, 1997 Examiner docket.

Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Mr. Mark Wheeler