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Re: Case No. 11896: Application of OXY USA, Inc. for
compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Kellahin:

Reference is made to your letter dated December 16, 1997 requesting a continuance in the above-described matter. Due to scheduling irregularities and Division workload this case will be continued to the **January 22, 1997** Examiners Hearing. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael E. Stogner".

Michael E. Stogner

Chief Hearing Officer/Engineer

cc: William F. Carr - Santa Fe [Telefax No. (505) 983-6043]
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HAND DELIVERED



Mr. Michael E. Stogner
Chief Hearing Examiner
Oil Conservation Division
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Re: NMOCD Case 11896
OXY USA Inc. for compulsory pooling
Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Stogner:

On behalf of OXY USA Inc., I would appreciate you continuing this case to the January 8, 1998 Examiner's docket. I have obtained the concurrence of Mr. William F. Carr, attorney for Yates Petroleum Corporation, for this continuance.

Very truly yours

W. Thomas Kellahin

cfx: William F. Carr, Esq.
Attorney for Yates Petroleum Corporation