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VIA FACSIMILE

Mr. Michael Stogner
Hearing Examiner
Oil Conservation Division
New Mexico Department of Energy,
Minerals and Natural Resources
2040 South Pacheco Street
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: *Application of Patterson Petroleum LP for Compulsory Pooling, Lea County,
New Mexico*

Dear Mr. Stogner:

You will recall that the above-captioned case was presented at the May 31, 2001 hearing which you conducted for the Oil Conservation Division.

At the hearing, testimony was provided which indicated that the ownership of the mineral estate differed between the intervals located above 5500 feet and those located below 5500 feet. The applicant, Patterson Petroleum, L.P. ("Patterson") provided testimony which covered all mineral interest ownership below 5500 feet, but did not provide comprehensive testimony as to the status of the ownership of mineral interests above 5500 feet.

Although the application which we filed in this case sought the compulsory pooling of all formations from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation, Patterson hereby withdraws that portion of the application which seeks the compulsory pooling of any formation located above the base of the San Andres formation. The application, legal advertisement, and testimony at the May 31, 2001 hearing all encompassed the comprehensive mineral interest ownership below 5500 feet. Patterson retains its request for the compulsory pooling of all interests below the base of the San Andres formation.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Mr. Joe Fitzgerald
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Very truly yours,



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