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**HAND-DELIVERED**

William J. LeMay, Director  
Oil Conservation Division  
New Mexico Department of Energy,  
Minerals and Natural Resources  
2040 South Pacheco  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503

Re: *Oil Conservation Division Case No. 11844 (De Novo):  
Application of Chesapeake Operating, Inc., for an Unorthodox Oil Well  
Location, Lea County, New Mexico*

Dear Mr. LeMay:

Marathon Oil Company respectfully requests that this matter which is currently set on the Commission docket for the December 11, 1997 hearings be dismissed.

Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



WILLIAM F. CARR  
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cc: Mr. Tom Lowry  
✓ Jim Bruce, Esq.

