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Mr. Mark E. Fesmire, P.E.
Director
Oil Conservation Division
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1220 South Saint Francis Drive
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

**Re: Case No. 13528: Application of NorthStar Operating Company for an
unorthodox well location, Lea County, New Mexico.**

Dear Mr. Fesmire:

NorthStar Operating Company, hereby requests that the Examiner Hearing in the above-referenced case that is currently scheduled for July 28, 2005, be continued to the August 11, 2005 Examiner Hearing Docket.

Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

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William F. Carr
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