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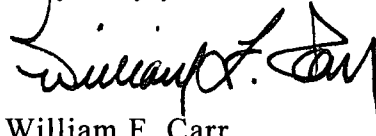
Oil Conservation Division

Re: **Case 13036: De Novo appeal of David H. Arrington Oil and Gas, Inc., on the Application of Ocean Energy, Inc. for Compusory Pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.**

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

David H. Arrington Oil and Gas, Inc., respectfully requests that the above-referenced De Novo appeal, scheduled for hearing on July 17, 2003, be dismissed. Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



William F. Carr
of Holland & Hart LLP

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cc: James Bruce, Esq.

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