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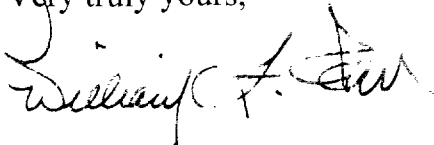
William J. LeMay, Director
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2040 South Pacheco Street
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Re: Application of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. for an Unorthodox
Well Location, Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. LeMay:

On behalf of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C., please find enclosed our Application for an unorthodox gas well location which we request be set for hearing on the next available Examiner docket now scheduled for December 5, 1996. Also enclosed is our proposed legal advertisement.

Very truly yours,



WILLIAM F. CARR

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Enclosure

cc: Mr. Duke Roush (w/enclosures)