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Mr. David R. Catanach
Hearing Examiner
Oil Conservation Division
2040 South Pacheco
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: NMOCD Case 11803
McElvain "31" Federal Well. 1
Application of Nearburg Exploration Company
for Compulsory Pooling and a non-standard
proration and spacing unit
Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Catanach:

On behalf of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. I would appreciate you continuing the referenced case from the Examiner docket schedule for September 4, 1997 to the Examiner hearing docket now scheduled for October 9, 1997.

Very truly yours,


W. Thomas Kellahin

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