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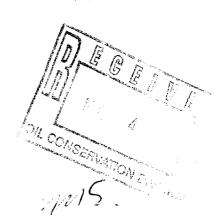
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November 13, 1997

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Re:

Oil Conservation Division Case No. 11885:

Application of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. for Compulsory

Pooling, Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. LeMay:

Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C., respectfully requests that this matter which is currently set on the Division docket for the November 20, 1997 hearings be continued to the December 4, 1997 Examiner docket.

Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM F. CARR

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cc: Mr. Duke Roush