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Via Fax and U.S. Mail

Lori Wrotenbery Oil Conservation Division 2040 South Pacheco Street Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: Case No. 12342; application of Devon Energy Corporation (Nevada) for compulsory pooling

Case No. 12319; application of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. for compulsory pooling

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

This letter requests that an order in the above matters be issued as soon as possible. The two cases (heard on February 3rd) are counter-pooling applications involving the N½ $\S30-17S-27E$. Both parties are experiencing severe rig availability problems, and Nearburg has an expiring lease problem. Therefore, both parties are anxious for a quick decision. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,

James Bruce

Attorney for Devon Energy Corporation (Nevada)