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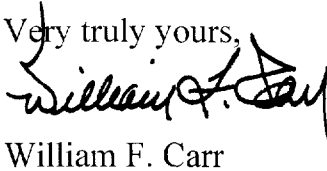
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Re: Oil Conservation Division Case No. 12325: Application of Chesapeake Operating, Inc. for Compulsory Pooling and an unorthodox subsurface location, Lea County, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Ashley,

Enclosed for your consideration in hard copy and on disc is Altura Energy, LTD's Proposed Order of the Division in the above-referenced case.

If you need any additional information from Altura to assist you with your consideration of this application, please advise.

Very truly yours,

William F. Carr

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Enclosure

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