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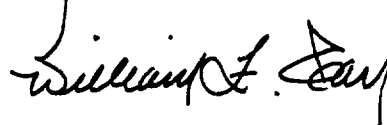
***Re: CASE 12338: Yates Drilling Company for Compulsory
Pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.***

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery,

Yates Drilling Company hereby respectfully requests that the above-referenced case be dismissed.

Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



William F. Carr

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