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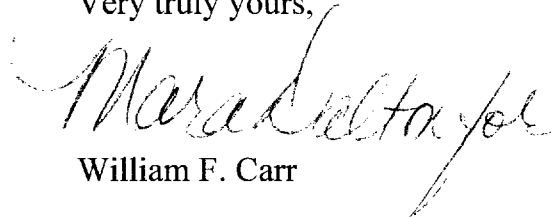
***Re: In the matter of Case No. 12384: The Application of Louis Dreyfus
Natural Gas Corp. for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.***

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery,

Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas Corporation 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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cc: Joe Hammond