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**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

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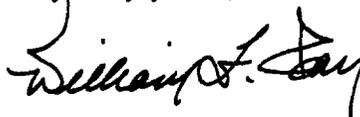
***RE: In the matter of Case 12396: The application of Nearburg Exploration Company for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.***

Dear Ms. Wrottenbery,

Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. hereby respectfully requests that the Examiner Hearing in the above-referenced case which is currently scheduled for May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2000, be continued to the June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2000 Examiner Hearing Docket.

Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



William F. Carr

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