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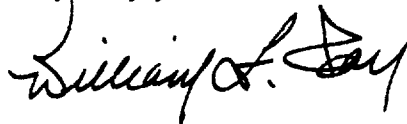
RE: In the matter of Case 12397: The application of Nearburg Exploration Company for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery,

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

Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



William F. Carr

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