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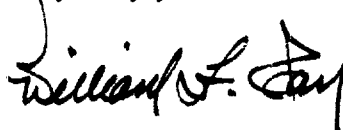
***RE: In the matter of Case 12413: The application of Nearburg Exploration
Company for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.***

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 June 1st, 2000, be continued to the June 15th, 2000 Examiner Hearing Docket.

Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



William F. Carr

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cc: Mark Wheeler