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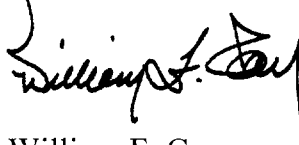
RE: In the matter of Case 12414: The Amended Application of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery,

Nearburg Producing Company hereby requests that the Examiner Hearing in the above-referenced case which is currently scheduled for August 24th, 2000 be continued to the September 7th, 2000 Examiner hearing docket.

Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



William F. Carr

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