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

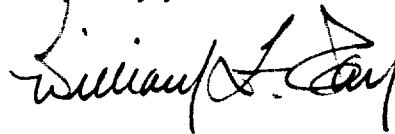
Dear Ms. Wrotenbery,

Pogo Producing Company has requested that Nearburg Exploration Company continue the Examiner Hearing in the above-referenced case to the June 15th, 2000 Examiner Hearing Docket.

Nearburg Exploration does not oppose the continuance, and therefore requests the case be set for hearing on June 15, 2000.

Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



William F. Carr

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cc: Duke Roush - Nearburg Exploration
James Bruce, Esq. - Attorney for Pogo Producing Company.