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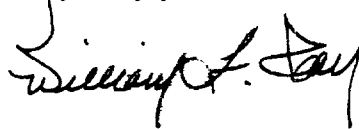
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***Re: Application of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. for Compulsory
Pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.***

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

Enclosed in triplicate is the Application of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. in the above-referenced case as well as a copy of the legal advertisement. Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C., requests that this matter be placed on the docket for the June 1, 2000 Examiner hearings.

Very truly yours,



William F. Carr

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Duke Roush (w/enclosures)