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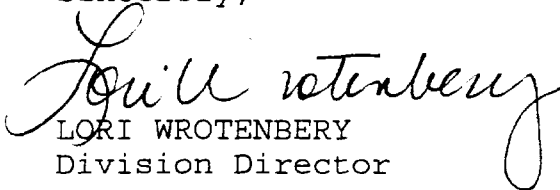
December 7, 2000

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Dear Mr. Carr:

Based upon the reasons stated in your letter of December 6, 2000, and in accordance with the provisions of Division Order No R-11393, Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. is hereby granted an additional extension of time until March 9, 2001, in which to commence drilling the well pooled by this order.

Sincerely,

  
LORI WROTENBERY  
Division Director

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cc: ✓ Case No. 12415  
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December 6, 2000

**HAND DELIVERED**

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Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

**Re: Oil Conservation Division Case No. 12415:** *Application of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.*

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery;

On June 7, 2000, the Division entered Order No. R-11393 which granted the application of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. in the above-referenced case pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation under the following spacing and proration units in Section 29, Township 18 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico:

- A. E/2 to form a standard 320-acre spacing and proration unit for all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing;
- B. NE/4 to form a standard 160-acre spacing and proration unit for all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing;
- C. E/2 NE/4 to form an 80-acre spacing and proration unit for all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing; and

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- D. SE/4 NE/4 to form a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit for all formations and/or pools developed on 40-acre spacing.

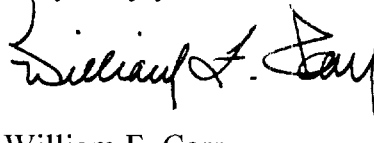
These pooled units are to be dedicated to the Pathfinder "29" State Com Well No. 1 which Nearburg proposes to drill at a standard location in the E/2 of Section 29.

Order R-11393 provides that in the event Nearburg does not commence drilling operations on or before September 9, 2000, this pooling order shall be of no further effect unless Nearburg obtains a time extension from the Division Director for good cause shown. In August 2000, Nearburg obtained from the Division an extension of this order through December 9, 2000. The purpose of this letter is to request an additional 90-day extension of Order No. R-11393.

Nearburg intends to drill the Pathfinder "29" State Com Well No. 1 in the E/2 of Section 29. However, there is off-set development in the area and Nearburg will not be able to determine the exact location necessary to most effectively enable it to recover the reserves under the subject acreage until it receives and reviews the information from these wells. Furthermore, Nearburg is experiencing difficulties in obtaining and scheduling a rig for this well and will be unable to commence drilling activities prior to the current deadline for drilling imposed by this order. An extension of Order No. R-11393 from December 9, 2000 to March 9, 2001 is therefore needed.

Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William F. Carr", with a stylized flourish at the end.

William F. Carr

WFC/md

cc: Mark Wheeler  
Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C.