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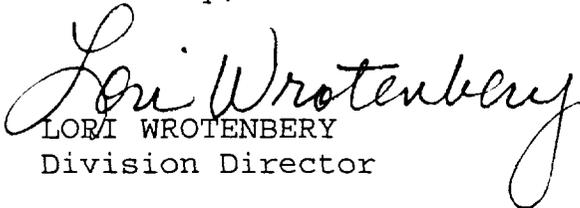
February 2, 2001

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Dear Mr. Carr:

Based upon the reasons stated in your letter of January 31, 2001, and in accordance with the provisions of Division Order No R-11437, Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. is hereby granted an additional extension of time until May 20, 2001, in which to commence drilling the well pooled by this order.

Sincerely,


LORI WROTENBERY
Division Director

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cc: Case No. 12465 ✓
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Lori Wrotenbery, Director
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Re: Oil Conservation Division Case No. 12465: Application of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery;

On August 23, 2000, the Division entered Order No. R-11437 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 19, Township 18 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy 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. N/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. NW/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.

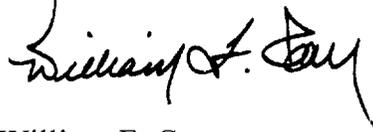
These pooled units are to be dedicated to the Pathfinder "19" State Com Well No. 1 which Nearburg proposes to drill at a standard location in the NE/4 of Section 19.

Order R-11437 provides that in the event Nearburg does not commence drilling operations on or before November 20, 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 November 2000, Nearburg obtained from the Division an extension of this order through February 20, 2001. The purpose of this letter is to request an additional 90-day extension of Order No. R-11437.

Nearburg intends to drill the Pathfinder "19" State Com Well No. 1 in the NE/4 of Section 19. However, 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-11437 from February 20, 2001 to May 20, 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". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

William F. Carr

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