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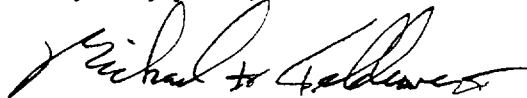
**RE: Cases 12588 and 12441
Applications of Raptor Natural Pipeline and LG&E Natural
Pipeline
For Special Rules for the Grama Ridge Morrow Gas Storage
Unit
Lea County, New Mexico.**

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

Nearburg Exploration Company, an affected party in the above referenced matters, respectfully requests that the Examiner Hearing for these matters which is scheduled for April 19th be continued to the next available Examiner Hearing Docket. The attorney for the applicant (Scott Hall) has been notified and does not oppose a continuance.

Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



Michael H. Feldewert

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cc: J. Scott Hall, attorney for Raptor Natural Pipeline, f/k/a LG&E Energy Corp.