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**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

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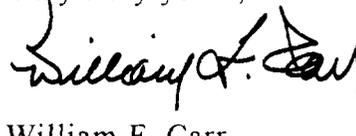
**Re: Case No. 12790: Amended Application of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico**

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. hereby requests that the Examiner Hearing in the above-referenced case which is currently scheduled for February 21, 2002, be continued to the March 7, 2002, Examiner Hearing Docket.

Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



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Attorney for Nearburg Exploration  
Company, L.L.C.

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