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Lori Wrotenbery, Director
Oil Conservation Division
New Mexico Department of Energy,
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2040 South Pacheco Street
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

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

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

Enclosed in triplicate is an Application of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. in the above-referenced case as well as a copy of a legal advertisement. Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. respectfully requests that this matter be placed on the docket for the November 18, 1999 Examiner hearings.

Very truly yours,


Paul R. Owen

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Bob Shelton
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CASE 12295

Application of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation, the N/2 for all formations developed on 320-acre spacing including but not limited to the Undesignated San Simon Wolfcamp Gas Pool, the NW/4 for all formations developed on 160-acre spacing, the N/2 NW/4 for all formations developed on 80-acre spacing, and the NW/4 NW/4 for all formations developed on 40-acre spacing, all in Section 17, Township 22 South, Range 35 East, NMPM. Applicant proposes to dedicate these pooled units to a well to be drilled at a standard gas well in the NW/4 NW/4 of said Section 17. Also to be considered will the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located approximately _____ miles _____ southwest of _____, New Mexico.