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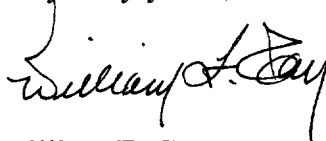
RE: In the matter of Case 12385: Application of Texaco Exploration and Production, Inc. for Compulsory Pooling, Chaves County, New Mexico.

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery,

Texaco Exploration and Production Co., Inc. hereby respectfully requests that the Examiner Hearing in the above-referenced case which is currently scheduled for May 4th, 2000 be continued to the May 18th, 2000 Examiner Hearing Docket.

Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



William F. Carr

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cc: Mike Mullins