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Re: NMOCD Case 11481

Black River "10" Federal Com Well No. 1 Application of Nearburg Exploration Company for Unorthodox well Location, Eddy County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

On behalf of Nearburg Exploration Company, please find enclosed our Response to the Motion to Quash filed yesterday by Mr. Padilla on behalf of Read & Stevens, Inc.

I would appreciate the opportunity to argue this issue before you at the NMOCD offices at 11:00 AM on Monday, March 25, 1996. Please let Mr. Padilla and me know if that is convenient.

Lery-truly yours

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