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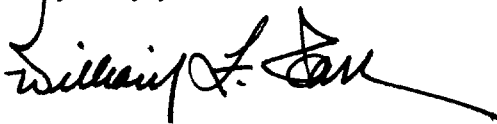
Re: Oil Conservation Division Case No. 11885:
Application of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. for Compulsory
Pooling, Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. LeMay:

Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. respectfully requests that the above-referenced hearing in this case which is currently set on the January 22, 1998 Examiner docket be dismissed.

Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



WILLIAM F. CARR
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cc: Mr. Duke Roush