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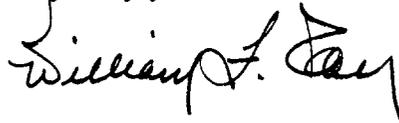
RE: CASE 12234: Application of Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas Corporation
for compulsory pooling and an Unorthodox Oil Well Location,
Eddy County, New Mexico.

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery,

Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas Corporation hereby requests that the Examiner Hearing in the above-referenced case which is currently scheduled for October 21, 1999 be continued to November 4, 1999.

Your attention to this request in appreciated.

Very truly yours,



William F. Carr

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cc: Joe Hammond
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