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Lori Wrotenbery, Director
Oil Conservation Division
New Mexico Energy, Minerals &
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1220 South St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

*Re: Case No. 12551: Application of Nearburg Exploration Co. L.L.C.
for Compulsory Pooling, Lea County, New Mexico*

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. respectfully requests that the above-referenced case, which is currently scheduled for hearing on July 12, 2001, be dismissed.

Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



William F. Carr

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cc: Mark Wheeler