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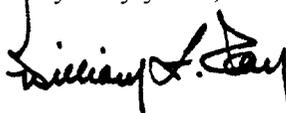
**Re: Case No. 12609: Application of Chevron U.S.A., Inc. for an unorthodox
infill gas location and simultaneous dedication, Lea County, New Mexico.**

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

Chevron U.S.A. Production Company hereby requests that the Examiner Hearing in the above-referenced case which is currently scheduled for April 19, 2001 be continued to the May 17, 2001 Examiner Hearing Docket.

Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



William F. Carr

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cc: C. J. Affeld