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Re: Case No. 12622, Application of Nearburg Exploration Company L.L.C. for two non-standard gas spacing units, Lea County, New Mexico, *de novo*

Dear Counsel,

As you are all aware, the Commission has agreed to hear this matter on a special docket in September, rather than during a regularly-scheduled meeting.

The hearing will commence Tuesday, September 10, 2002 and will continue through Wednesday, October 11, if necessary. The hearing will commence at 9 a.m. on September 10 and will be conducted in Porter Hall, 1st Floor, 1220 S. St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico. The Commission will have certified court reporter present who will stenographically record the proceedings. The Commission has worked into the evening in previous evidentiary hearings and counsel, parties and witnesses should be ready in the event they decide to do so in this case.

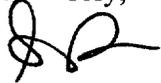
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As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call at 476-3451.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SR', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

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Cc: Florene Davidson, Commission Secretary