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**VIA FACSIMILE**

Ms. Lori Wrotenbery, Director  
Oil Conservation Division  
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**Re: REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE**

*NMOCD Case No. 12708*

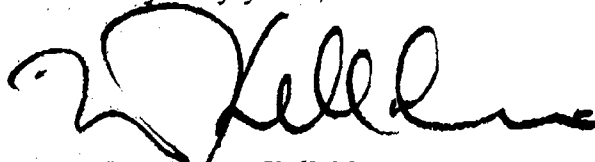
*Wapiti "32" State Com Well No. 2 (W/2 32-18S-34E)*

*Application of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C.  
for Compulsory Pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.*

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

On behalf of Matador Exploration Company, Inc. ("Matador"), a party adversely affected by the referenced application, and with the concurrence of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C., we request that the referenced case now scheduled for hearing on August 9, 2001, be continued to the August 23, 2001 hearing docket so that it can be consolidated for hearing with the competing Matador case scheduled for August 23, 2001.

Very truly yours,



W. Thomas Kellahin

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Attn: Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C.

Matador E & P Company, Inc.

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