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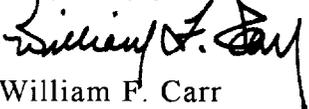
Re: **Oil Conservation Division Case 12743:** Application of Texaco Exploration and Production Inc. for an unorthodox subsurface gas well location and an exception to Division Rule 104.D (3), Lea County, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Catanach:

Texaco Exploration and Production Inc. hereby requests that the above referenced case be reopened at the February 7, 2002 Oil Conservation Division examiner hearing. Based on my discussions with the Division, Texaco will re-notify each party affected by this application and present a notice affidavit at the February 7, 2002 hearing.

Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Very truly yours,


William F. Carr

cc: Mike Mullins
Texaco Exploration and Production Inc.