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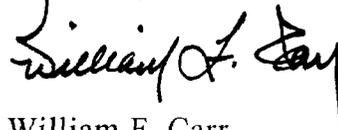
**Re: Case No. 12790: Application of Nearburg Exploration
Company, L.L.C. for Compulsory Pooling, Lea County, New
Mexico**

Dear Ms. Wrottenbery:

Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. hereby requests that the above-referenced application, currently scheduled for hearing on April 18, 2002, be continued to the May 2, 2002, Examiner Hearing docket.

Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



William F. Carr

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