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**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

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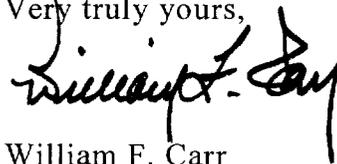
***Re: Case No. 12820: Amended Application of Nearburg Exploration  
Company, L.L.C. for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New  
Mexico***

Dear Ms. Wrottenbery:

Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. hereby requests that the Examiner Hearing in the above-referenced case, currently scheduled for May 2, 2002, be continued to the May 16, 2002, Examiner Hearing Docket.

Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



William F. Carr  
Attorney for Nearburg Exploration  
Company, L.L.C.

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