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William J. LeMay, Director Oil Conservation Division New Mexico Department of Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources 2040 South Pacheco Street Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: Oil Conservation Division Case No. 11649:

Application of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. for Compulsory

Pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. LeMay:

Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C., respectfully requests that this matter which is currently set on the Division docket for the April 17, 1997 hearings be continued to the May 15, 1997 Examiner docket.

Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM F. CARR

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cc: Mr. Duke Roush