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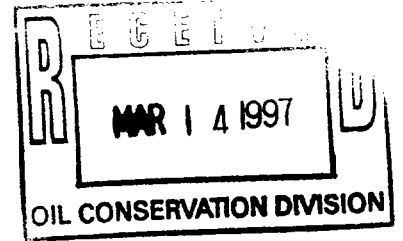
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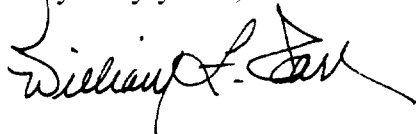
Re: ***Oil Conservation Division Case No. 11649:
Application of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. for Compulsory
Pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico***

Dear Mr. LeMay:

Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C., applicant in the above-captioned case respectfully requests that this matter which is currently set on the Division docket for the March 20, 1997 hearings be continued to the April 17, 1997 Examiner docket.

Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



WILLIAM F. CARR
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cc: Mr. Duke Roush