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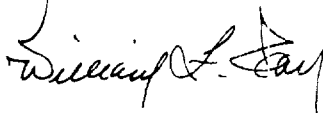
William J. LeMay, Director  
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2040 South Pacheco Street  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503

Re: *Application of Nearburg Producing Company, for Compulsory Pooling, Lea  
County, New Mexico*

Dear Mr. LeMay:

Enclosed in triplicate is the application of Nearburg Producing Company, in the above-referenced case as well as a copy of the legal advertisement. Nearburg Producing Company, requests that this matter be placed on the docket for the May 29, 1997 Examiner hearings.

Very truly yours,



WILLIAM F. CARR

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Bob Shelton (w/enclosures)  
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