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Re:

NMOCD Case 11803

McElvain "31"Federal Well. 1

Application of Nearburg Exploration Company for Compulsory Pooling and a non-standard

proration and spacing unit Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Stogner:

On behalf of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. I would appreciate you continuing the referenced case from the Examiner docket schedule for June 26, 1997 to the Examiner hearing docket now scheduled for July 10, 1997.

Very truly yours.

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