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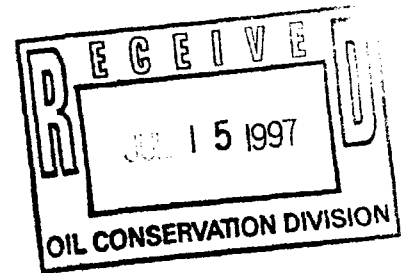
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Re: Amended Application of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. for  
Compulsory Pooling and an Unorthodox Gas Well Location, Eddy County,  
New Mexico

Dear Mr. LeMay:

Enclosed in triplicate is the Amended Application of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. in the above-referenced case as well as a copy of the legal advertisement. Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C., respectfully requests that this matter be placed on the docket for the August 7, 1997 Examiner hearings.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM F. CARR

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Michael M. Gray (w/enclosures)  
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