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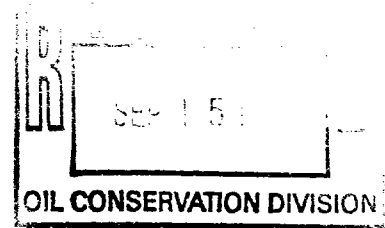
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Re: Application of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. for Compulsory  
Pooling, Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. LeMay:

Enclosed in triplicate is the 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., requests that this matter be placed on the docket for the October 9, 1997 Examiner hearings.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM F. CARR

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Bob Shelton (w/enclosures)  
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