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**HAND-DELIVERED**

Lori Wrotenbery, Director  
Oil Conservation Division  
New Mexico Department of Energy,  
Minerals and Natural Resources  
2040 South Pacheco Street  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: ***Oil Conservation Division Case No. 11953:  
Application of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. for an order shutting  
in wells operated by Chesapeake Operating, Inc. until the operator is in  
compliance with Division reporting rules, Lea County, New Mexico***

Dear Ms Wrotenbery:

Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. respectfully requests that the above-referenced hearing in this case which is currently set on the March 19, 1998 Examiner docket be dismissed.

Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



WILLIAM F. CARR

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cc: W. Thomas Kellahin, Esq.