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October 21, 1998

VIA FACSIMILE

Mr. Mark Ashley Oil Conservation Division 2040 South Pacheco Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: NMOCD Case 12067

Application of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C.

for Compulsory Pooling, (Rancho Bonito "15" State Com No. 1)

E/2 Section 16, T16S, R32E Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Ashley:

Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. has advised me that they desire to continue the referenced case. Therefore I would appreciate you continuing the referenced case currently scheduled for hearing on the October 22, 1998 Examiner's docket to the docket scheduled for November 5, 1998.

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Very truly yours

W. Thomas Kellahin

cfx: Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C.

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