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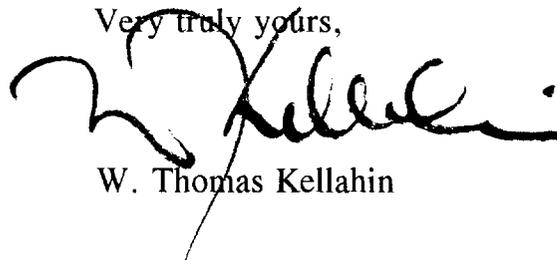
Ms. Lori Wrotenbery, Director
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2040 South Pacheco
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

**Re: Rancho Bonito "15" State Com Well No. 1
Application of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C.
for Compulsory Pooling
Lea County, New Mexico**

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

On behalf of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C., please find enclosed our referenced application which we request be set for hearing on the Examiner's docket now scheduled for October 22, 1998. Also enclosed is our proposed advertisement of this case for the NMOCD docket.

Very truly yours,



W. Thomas Kellahin

cc: Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C.
Attn: Mike Gray