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VIA HAND DELIVERY

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***RE: CASE 12275: Application of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. for
Compulsory Pooling, Lea County, New Mexico***

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery,

Nearburg Exploration Company hereby requests that the Examiner Hearing in the above-referenced case which is currently scheduled for November 18, 1999 be continued to December 2, 1999.

Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



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