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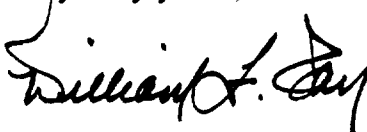
***RE: In the matter of Case 12319: Application of Nearburg Exploration
Company, LLC, for Compulsory Pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.***

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery,

Nearburg Exploration Company, LLC, hereby requests that the Examiner Hearing in the above-referenced case which is currently scheduled for January 6, 2000 be continued to the January 20, 2000 Examiner Hearing Docket.

Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



William F. Carr

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cc: Bob Shelton
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