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2040 South Pacheco Street
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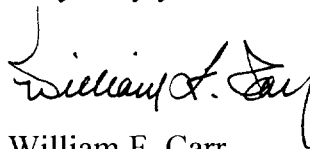
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***Re: Application of Marbob Energy Corporation for Compulsory Pooling, Lea
County, New Mexico***

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

Enclosed in triplicate is an Application of Marbob Energy Corporation in the above-referenced case as well as a copy of a legal advertisement. Marbob Energy Corporation respectfully requests that this matter be placed on the docket for the March 16, 2000 Examiner hearings.

Very truly yours,



William F. Carr

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Enclosures

cc: Raye Miller

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF MARBOB ENERGY CORPORATION
FOR COMPULSORY POOLING,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

CASE NO. 12358

APPLICATION

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1. Marbob is a working interest owner in the S/2 of said Section 15 and has the right to drill thereon.
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3. Applicant has sought and been unable to obtain either voluntary agreement for pooling or farmout from certain interest owners in the subject spacing units identified on Exhibit A to this application.

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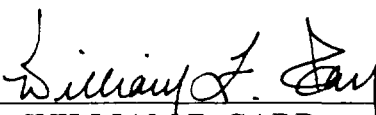
5. In order to permit the Applicant to obtain its just and fair share of the oil and gas underlying the subject lands, all mineral interests should be pooled, and Marbob Energy Corporation should be designated the operator of the well to be drilled.

WHEREFORE, Marbob Energy Corporation requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on March 16, 2000, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter its order:

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- B. designating Marbob Energy Corporation operator of these units and the well to be drilled thereon,
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Respectfully submitted,

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