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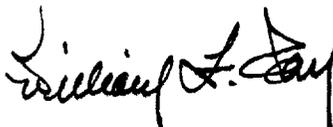
RE: In the matter of Case 12383: The Application of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. for Compulsory Pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery,

Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. hereby respectfully requests that the Examiner Hearing in the above-referenced case which is currently scheduled for April 20th, 2000 be continued to the May 4th, 2000 Examiner Hearing Docket.

Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



William F. Carr

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