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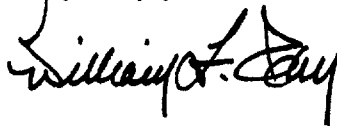
***RE: In the matter of Case 12384: Application of Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas for
Compulsory Pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.***

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery,

Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas Co. hereby respectfully requests that the Examiner Hearing in the above-referenced case which is currently scheduled for July 13th, 2000 be continued to the July 27th, 2000 Examiner Hearing Docket.

Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



William F. Carr

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cc: Joe Hammond