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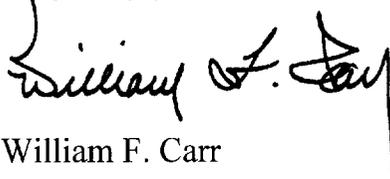
***RE: In the matter of Case 12385: Application of Texaco Exploration and  
Production, Inc. for Compulsory Pooling, Chaves County, New Mexico.***

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery,

Texaco Exploration and Production Co., Inc. hereby respectfully requests that the Examiner Hearing in the above-referenced case which is currently scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2000 be continued to the June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2000 Examiner Hearing Docket.

Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



William F. Carr

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cc: Mike Mullins