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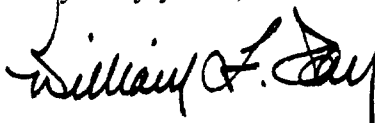
***RE: In the matter of Case 12396: The application of Nearburg Exploration
Company for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.***

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery,

Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. hereby requests that the Examiner Hearing in the above-referenced case which is currently scheduled for July 13th, 2000, be continued to the August 10th, 2000 Examiner Hearing Docket.

Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



William F. Carr

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cc: Mark Wheeler