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Lori Wrotenbery, Director
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New Mexico Department of Energy,
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2040 South Pacheco Street
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503

***Re: Application of McElvain Oil & Gas Properties, Inc. for Compulsory Pooling,
Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.***

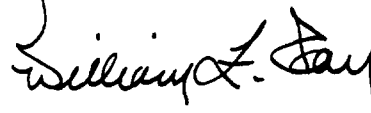
Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

Enclosed in triplicate is the Application of McElvain Oil & Gas Properties, Inc. in the above-referenced case as well as a copy of the legal advertisement. McElvain Oil & Gas Properties, Inc. requests that this application be set for hearing before a Division Examiner on the August 10, 1999.

The proposed well is the infill well located on the spacing and proration unit which was pooled by Division Order No. R-11247 entered in Case No. 12224. The order sought by McElvain will only apply to certain royalty interests created by old leases which do not contain pooling clauses. These interests which previously have already been pooled for the initial well on this unit. There is no issue in this case as to risk penalty or overhead and administrative costs. The testimony and Exhibits presented in Case No. 12224 are applicable to the issues in this case. Accordingly, McElvain requests that in the absence of objection, this case be styled so that in the absence of objection it is taken under advisement and an order issued on the record made in Case 12224.

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Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William F. Carr". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "W".

William F. Carr

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Enclosures

cc: Ms. Mona Binion (w/enclosures)
McElvain Oil & Gas Properties, Inc.