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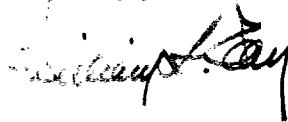
Reference: Case No. 12551: Application of Nearburg Exploration Co. L.L.C.  
for Compulsory Pooling, Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. hereby requests that the above-referenced application which is currently scheduled for hearing on January 11, 2001 be continued to the January 25, 2001 Examiner Hearing docket.

Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



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cc: Duke Roush  
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