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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Lori Wrotenbery, Director
Oil Conservation Division
New Mexico Department of Energy,
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2040 South Pacheco Street
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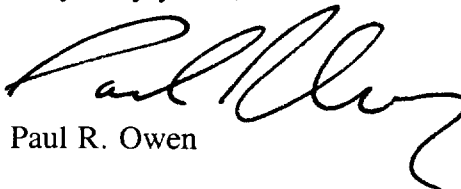
Re: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division Case No. 12574; Application of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. for Compulsory Pooling for Grama Ridge 23 State Com Well #1, Section 23, T21S, R34E, Lea County, New Mexico.

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery,

Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C., applicant in the above-referenced case, hereby requests that this case be dismissed.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



Paul R. Owen

cc: Duke Roush
Scott Hall, Esq.