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Lori Wrotenbery, Director
Oil Conservation Division
New Mexico Department of Energy,
Minerals and Natural Resources
2040 South Pacheco Street
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Case 12574

Re: ***Application of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. for Compulsory Pooling,
Lea County, New Mexico***

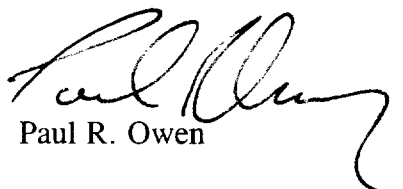
Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

Enclosed in triplicate is an Application of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. in the above-referenced case as well as a copy of a legal advertisement. Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. respectfully requests that this matter be placed on the docket for the January 11, 2001 Examiner hearings.

The legal advertisement is also on the enclosed disk in WordPerfect and Word format.

If you have any questions, please call.

Very truly yours,


Paul R. Owen

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Duke Roush
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