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HAND-DELIVERED

Lori Wrotenbery, Director
Oil Conservation Division
New Mexico Energy, Minerals &
Natural Resources Department
1220 South St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

Re: <u>Case No. 12647</u>: Application of Nearburg Exploration Co. L.L.C. for compulsory pooling and an unorthodox well location, 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 May 3, 2001 be continued to the May 17, 2001 Examiner Hearing docket.

Your attention to this request is appreciated.

William F. Carr

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cc: Mark Wheeler