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VIA FACSIMILE

Lori Wrotenbery, Director
Oil Conservation Division
New Mexico Department of Energy,
Minerals and Natural Resources
1220 South St. Francis Dr.,
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Re: *New Mexico Oil Conservation Division Case No. 12708*
Application of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. for Compulsory Pooling
for Wapiti "32" State Com. Well No. 2, Section 32, T18S, R34E, Lea County,
New Mexico.

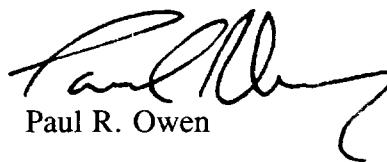
Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

Today I received a copy of a letter of today's date, from Tom Kellahin to you, requesting a continuance of this matter. Consistent with Mr. Kellahin's letter, Nearburg also requests a two-week continuance of this matter, to the August 23, 2001 Examiner Docket.

Mr. Kellahin's letter indicates that Nearburg concurs with Matador Exploration Company, Inc.'s request for a continuance. Nearburg does not object to the requested continuance. In my voice mail to Mr. Kellahin by which I indicated our non-objection to the continuance, I also indicated that Nearburg would prefer that this case not be the subject of any continuances after the one at issue. Nearburg hereby requests that no additional continuances be extended in this matter, or in that of Mr. Kellahin's companion case, No. 12717.

If you have any questions, please call.

Very truly yours,


Paul R. Owen

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cc: Mr. Curtis Smith (via facsimile)
Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C.

Tom Kellahin, Esq. (via facsimile)