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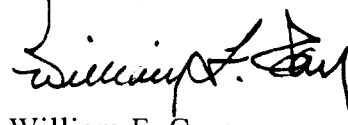
***Re: Case No. 12673: Application of Paladin Energy Corp. for an
unorthodox gas well location, Lea County, New Mexico.***

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

Paladin Energy Corp. respectfully requests that the above-referenced case, currently scheduled for hearing on May 2, 2002, be dismissed.

Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



William F. Carr
Attorney for Paladin Energy Corp.

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