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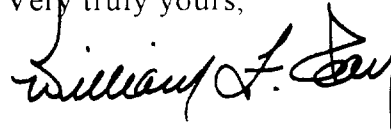
**Re: Case No. 12789: Application of Nearburg Exploration Co.
L.L.C. for compulsory pooling Eddy County, New Mexico**

Dear Ms. Wrotenberg:

Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. respectfully requests that the above-referenced case, which is currently scheduled for hearing on February 21, 2002, be dismissed.

Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



William F. Carr
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