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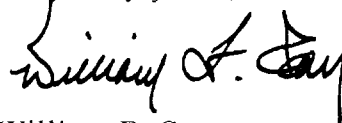
*Re: Case No. 12790: Amended Application of Nearburg Exploration
Company, L.L.C. for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New
Mexico*

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. hereby requests that the
Examiner Hearing in the above-referenced case which is currently scheduled
for February 7, 2002, be continued to the February 21, 2002, Examiner Hearing
Docket.

Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



William F. Carr
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Company, L.L.C.

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