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Lori Wrotenbery, Director Oil Conservation Division New Mexico Department of Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources 1220 South Saint Francis Drive Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505 Case 12790 =

Re: Amended Application of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. for Compulsory Pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

Enclosed in triplicate is the Application of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. in the above-referenced case as well as a copy of the legal advertisement. Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C., requests that this matter be placed on the docket for the February 7, 2002 Examiner hearings.

Very truly yours,

William F. Carr

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Duke Roush (w/enclosures)