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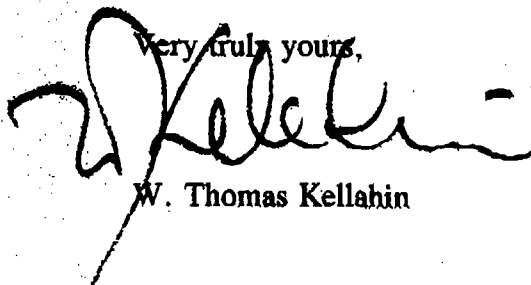
Ms. Lori Wrotenbery, Director  
Oil Conservation Division  
1220 South St. Francis Drive  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: NMOCD Case 12790  
Application of Nearburg Exploration Company, LLC  
for compulsory pooling  
Mesquite "17" Federal Well No. 1  
N/2 Sec 17, T20S, R34E  
Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

On behalf of OXY USA WTP Limited Partnership, an affected  
interest owner, please find enclosed our Entry of Appearance in the  
referenced case which appears on the Division's Examiner hearing docket  
for January 10, 2001.

Very truly yours,



W. Thomas Kellahin

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