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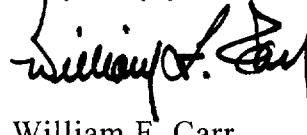
**Re: Case No. 12820: Amended Application of Nearburg Exploration
Company, L.L.C. for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New
Mexico**

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. respectfully requests that the
above-referenced case, which is currently scheduled for hearing on June 14,
2002, be dismissed.

Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



William F. Carr
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cc: W. Thomas Kellahin, Esq.