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Attn: Mr. Ed Taylor

Re: Application of Nearburg Producing Company for a Non-
Standard Proration Unit, Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Taylor:

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This application has been set for hearing before a Division Examiner on November 22, 1988. You are not required to attend this hearing, but as an owner of an interest that may be affected by the non-standard proration unit, you may appear and present testimony. Failure to appear at that time and become a party of record will preclude you from challenging the matter at a later date.

Very truly yours,



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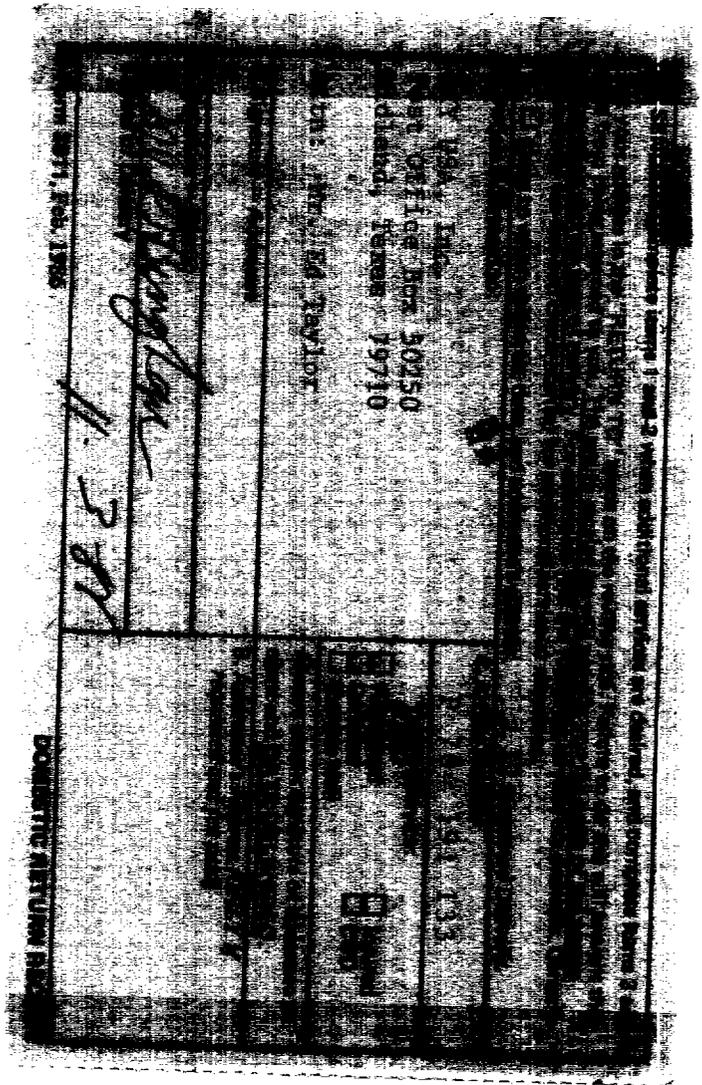
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BEFORE THE

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
NEARBURG PRODUCING COMPANY FOR A
NON-STANDARD PRORATION UNIT,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

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CASE NO. _____

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

APPLICATION

COMES NOW NEARBURG PRODUCING COMPANY, by and through its undersigned attorneys, hereby makes application to the Oil Conservation Division for approval of a non-standard proration unit, and in support thereof would show the Division:

1. Applicant is the operator of the SE/4 NW/4 of Section 19, Township 16 South, Range 37 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico and proposes to drill the Soledad 19 Well #1 at a standard location 1900 feet from the North line and 2400 feet from the West line of said Section 19 to test the Strawn formation.

2. Applicant seeks an exception to Rule 2 of the Special Rules and Regulations for the Northwest Lovington-Pennsylvanian Pool to permit the dedication to this well of a non-standard 40-acre proration unit comprised of the SE/4 NW/4 of Section 19.

3. That approval of this application will afford applicant the opportunity to produce its just and equitable share of hydrocarbons underlying this spacing unit and will otherwise be in the best interest of conservation, the prevention of waste and the protection of correlative rights.

WHEREFORE, Applicant prays that this application be set for hearing before a duly appointed Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on November 22, 1988, and that after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter its order granting this application and providing such other and further relief as is proper in the premises.

Respectfully submitted,

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