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December 27, 2000

Yates Petroleum Corporation 105 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street Artesia, New Mexico 88210

Attn:

Mr. James W. Pringle

Re:

Application for Downhole Commingling

Paulette PV State-Well No. 6

Unit Letter M, Section 16-05S-25E

Pecos Slope Abo and Undesignated Penn Pools

Chaves County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Pringle:

Your application to downhole commingle the production from within the wellbore of the above-captioned well was received on December 8, 2000. Your application requests our approval to downhole commingle the Pecos Slope Abo and Undesignated Penn production within the wellbore of the Paulette PV State Well No. 6 located in Unit Letter M, Section 16-05S-25E, Chaves County, New Mexico.

It is our understanding that production from the subject well will be allocated as follows:

POOL	<u>ALLOCA'</u>	<u>ALLOCATION</u>	
	<u>Oil%</u>	Gas%	
Pecos Slope Abo	0%	76.5%	
Undesignated Penn	0%	23.5%	
	0%	100%	

Since it appears that the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division's rules and regulations have been complied with, and there will be no loss of revenue to the State of New Mexico as a result of your proposed operation, your request for downhole commingling the production from the above-mentioned well is hereby approved. Any deviation from the substance of your request will be sufficient grounds for rescinding our approval. Our approval is subject to like approval by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division.

Your \$30.00 filing fee has been received.

Also, please submit a copy of the Oil Conservation Division's Order approving this application.

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If you have any questions or if we may be of further help, please contact Pete Martinez at (505) 827-5791.

Very truly yours,

RAY POWELL, M.S., D.V.M. COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

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