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Ms. Lori Wrotenbery, Director
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Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

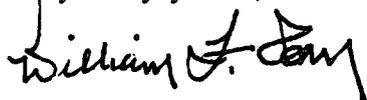
Oil Conservation Division
1220 S. St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Re: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for approval of a unit agreement, Lea County, New Mexico.

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

Enclosed in triplicate is the Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation in the above-referenced case as well as a copy of the legal advertisement. Yates Petroleum Corporation requests that this matter be placed on the March 18, 2004 Examiner Hearing docket.

Very truly yours,



William F. Carr

Enclosures

cc: Robert Bullock
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Artesia, New Mexico 88210-2118

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APPLICATION OF YATES PETROLEUM
CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL
OF A UNIT AGREEMENT,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

Oil Conservation Division
1220 S. St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, NM 87505
CASE NO. 13233

APPLICATION

YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION ("Yates"), through its undersigned attorneys, hereby makes application for an order approving its Statler State Exploratory Unit and in support of this application states:

1. The proposed Unit Area consists of 3839.60 acres, more or less, of State of New Mexico lands, situated in Lea County, New Mexico. The horizontal limits of said unit are described as follows:

Township 11 South, Range 35 East, N.M.P.M.

Section 33: S/2
Section 34: All
Section 35: W/2

Township 12 South, Range 35 East, N.M.P.M.

Sections 3 and 4: All
Sections 9 and 10: All

2. The Unit Agreement has been approved by a sufficient percentage of the interest owners within the proposed Unit Area to provide effective control of unit operations.

3. The Applicant, Yates Petroleum Corporation, is designated as Unit Operator in said Unit Agreement and all oil and gas in the all formations are unitized.

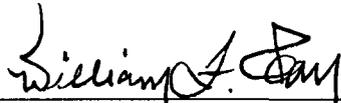
4. The proposed Unit Area covers all, or substantially all, of the geological structures or anomaly involved.

5. Said Unit Agreement and the unitized operation and management of the Unit Area will be in the interest of conservation and the prevention of waste, and that it will protect the correlative rights of all parties concerned.

WHEREFORE, Yates Petroleum Corporation requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on March 18, 2004, that notice be given as required by law and the rules of the Division, and that the Statler State Exploratory Unit be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTORNEYS FOR YATES PETROLEUM
CORPORATION

CASE NO. 13233:

Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for approval of a Unit Agreement, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval of the Statler State Exploratory Unit for an area comprising 3839.60 acres of State of New Mexico lands in Sections 33, 34 and 35 of Township 11 South, Range 35 East, NMPM and Sections 3, 4, 9 and 10 Of Township 12 South, Range 35 East, N.M.P.M. which is located approximately 8 miles northwest of Tatum, New Mexico.