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IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

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

CASE NO. 13228

APPLICATION OF YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF A WATERFLOOD PROJECT AND QUALIFICATION OF THE PROJECT AREA FOR THE RECOVERED OIL TAX RATE PURSUANT TO THE ENHANCED OIL RECOVERY ACT, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.



PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

This Pre-Hearing Statement is submitted by Holland & Hart LLP, as required by the Oil Conservation Division.

APPEARANCES OF PARTIES

APPLICANT

ATTORNEY

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STATEMENT OF CASE

APPLICANT

Applicant in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of its North Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool Unit Waterflood Project by injection of water into the Upper Pennsylvanian formations through 5 injection wells located in the following described area:

TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, NMPM

Sections 16 and 17:

All

Section 18:

S/2, S/2 NE/4,

SE/4 NW/4, NE/4 NE/4

Sections 19 through 21:

All

Section 28 through 30:

All

The applicant requests that the Division establish procedures for the administrative approval of additional injection wells within the unit area without the necessity of further hearings and the adoption of any provisions necessary for such other matters as may be appropriate for said waterflood operations. Said area is located approximately 12 miles south southwest of Artesia, New Mexico.

PROPOSED EVIDENCE

APPLICANT

WITNESSES (Name and Expertise)	ESTIMATED TIME	EXHIBITS
Susan Vierra (Land)	Approx. 20 Minutes	Approx. 10
John Humphrey (Geology)	Approx. 15 Minutes	Approx. 6
George Freeman (Engineering)	Approx. 20 Minutes	Approx. 5

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PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Yates Petroleum Corporation will request that this application be consolidated for purposes of Hearing with Case No. 13227.

William F. Carr

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