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Mr. Mark E. Fesmire, P.E.  
Director  
Oil Conservation Division  
New Mexico Energy, Minerals and  
Natural Resources Department  
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**Re: Case No. 13531: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for an Order (1) directing Pride Energy Company to reimburse Yates for the well costs incurred by Yates in its attempt to re-enter the State "X" Well No. 1 (API No. 30-025-01838) located in Section 12, Township 12 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, prior to the time Pride Energy Company assumed operations of the well, (2) directing Pride Energy Company to account for and pay all sums it is now improperly holding pursuant to expired orders of the Division and Commission, and (3) requiring Pride Energy Company to plug and abandon the State "X" Well No. 1 Lea County, New Mexico.**

Dear Mr. Fesmire:

Yates Petroleum Corporation hereby requests that the Examiner Hearing in the above-referenced case that is currently scheduled for August 25, 2005, be continued to the September 8, 2005 Examiner Hearing Docket.

Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

William F. Carr  
of Holland & Hart LLP

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cc: Jim Bruce, Esq.