

EXHIBIT A

**APPLICATION OF YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION.
FOR COMPULSORY POOLING
S/2 OF SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, N.M.P.M.
CHAVES COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

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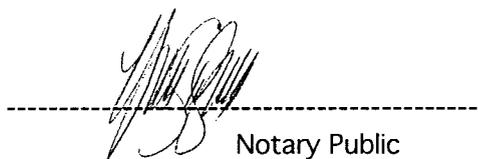
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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

The State of New Mexico through its Oil Conservation Division hereby gives notice pursuant to law and the Rules and Regulations of the Division of the following public hearing to be held at 8:15 A.M. on January 10, 2008, in the Oil Conservation Division Hearing Room at 1220 South St. Francis, Santa Fe, New Mexico, before an examiner duly appoint for the hearing. If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing, please contact: Florene Davidson at 505-476-3458 or through the New Mexico Relay Network, 1-800-659-1779 by December 31, 2007. Public documents including the agenda and minutes, can be provided in various accessible forms. Please contact Florene Davidson if a summary or other type of accessible form is needed.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO:

All named parties and persons
having any right, title, interest
or claim in the following cases
and notice to the public.

(NOTE: All land descriptions herein refer to the New Mexico Principal Meridian whether or not so stated.)

CASE 14061:

Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for compulsory pooling, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the top of the Mississippian formation in the following described spacing and proration units located in the S/2 of Section 2, Township 12 South, Range 31 East, N.M.P.M., Chaves County, New Mexico: the S/2 for all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within this vertical extent including the West Caprock-Atoka Gas Pool; the SW/4 for all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within this vertical extent; and the SE/4 SW/4 for all formations and/or pools developed on 40-acre spacing within this vertical extent including the Northwest Caprock-Wolfcamp Pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to its Patsy State Unit Well No. 6 to be drilled at a location 990 feet from the South and 1650 feet from the West line of Section 2, Township 12 South, Range 31 East, NMPM, Chaves County, New Mexico to an approximate depth of 11,300 feet to test any and all formations from the surface to the top of the Mississippian formation. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of Yates Petroleum Corporation as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located 7 miles southwest of Caprock, New Mexico.

Given under the Seal of the State of New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission at Santa Fe, New Mexico on this 12th day December 2007.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
Mark E. Fesmire, P.E., Director

HOLLAND & HART^{LLP}



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December 11, 2007

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

**Re: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for compulsory pooling,
Chaves County, New Mexico.**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This letter is to advise you that Yates Petroleum Corporation has filed the enclosed application with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division seeking an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Mississippian formation in certain spacing and proration units in the S/2 of Section 2, Township 12 South, Range 31 East, N.M.P.M., Chaves County, New Mexico. Said pooled units are to be dedicated to Yates's Patsy State Unit Well No. 6 to be drilled at a location 990 feet from the South line and 1650 feet from the West line of Section 2, Township 12 South, Range 31 East, NMPM, Chaves County, New Mexico to an approximate depth of 11,300 feet to test any and all formations from the surface to the top of the Mississippian formation.

This application has been set for hearing before a Division Examiner at 8:15 a.m. on January 10, 2008. The hearing will be held in Porter Hall in the Oil Conservation Division's Santa Fe Offices located at 1220 South Saint Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505. You are not required to attend this hearing, but as an owner of an interest that may be affected by this application, 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.

Parties appearing in cases are required by Division Rule 1208.B to file a Pre-hearing Statement four days in advance of a scheduled hearing. This statement must be filed at the Division's Santa Fe office at the above specified address and should include: the names of the parties and their attorneys; a concise statement of the case; the names of all witnesses the party will call to testify at the hearing; the approximate time the party will need to present its case; and identification of any procedural matters that are to be resolved prior to the hearing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ocean Munds-Dry".

Ocean Munds-Dry
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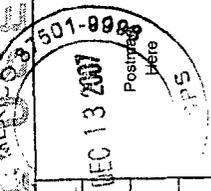
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