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Ms. Lori Wrotenbery, Director  
Oil Conservation Division  
New Mexico Department of Energy,  
Minerals and Natural Resources  
1220 South Saint Francis Drive  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

**Re: Case 12681:** Reopened pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-11680, which order promulgated temporary special pool rules for the Big Dog-Atoka Pool in Lea County, New Mexico.

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

Yates Petroleum Corporation, the applicant under Order No. R-11680 and an operator in the Big Dog-Atoka Pool, requests that the Examiner Hearing in the above-referenced matter, currently scheduled for December 4, 2003, be continued to the January 8, 2004, Examiner docket. Yates plans to have geologists and engineers present at the January 8<sup>th</sup> hearing on other matters who will be able to address the current status of operations in the Big Dog-Atoka Pool.

Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Michael H. Feldewert

cc. James Bruce, attorney for Devon Energy Production, L.P.  
Randy Patterson, Yates Petroleum Corporation

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