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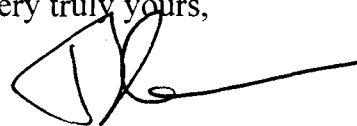
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Mr. William F. Carr
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Dear Mr. Carr:

As President of Viersen & Cochran and its related entities, I, by this letter, confirm our support of Hanley Petroleum, Inc.'s and Yates Petroleum Corporation's effort to have the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division expand the West Lovington-Strawn Unit to include all acreage that has been proven productive to the reservoir as suggested by Hanley's and Yates' reservoir study. We oppose the effort of Gillespie-Crow, Inc. which would dilute our interest in the unit.

Very truly yours,



Brian C Johnson

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cc: George D. Daly, Jr.
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BEFORE THE
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Case No. 11724 Exhibit No. 4

Submitted by: Hanley Petroleum Inc.
and Yates Petroleum Corporation

Hearing Date: May 15, 1997