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Ms. Lori Wrotenbery, Director  
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Oil Conservation Division

Re: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division Case No. 13045:  
Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for an unorthodox  
location, Chaves County, New Mexico.

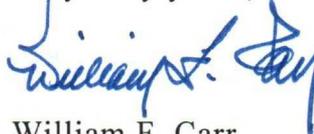
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Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

The above-referenced application was originally set for hearing because the Special Pool Rules and Regulations for the Pecos Slope-Abo Gas Pool provide that applications for unorthodox well locations may only be approved following notice and hearing. On April 1, 2003, Yates filed an application with the Division seeking the amendment of these rules to abolish this requirement and to otherwise conform the Special Pool Rules and Regulations for this pool and the West Pecos Slope-Abo Gas Pool to Rule 104.D(2) and Rule 104.F of the General Rules and Regulations of the Oil Conservation Division. This case is set for hearing on April 24, 2003.

Yates therefore withdraws the application in this case and requests that the above-referenced hearing on this application be dismissed.

Very truly yours,



William F. Carr

cc: Mr. Randy Patterson  
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