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11/9/22

Re: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for Special Pool Rules, Chaves
County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. LeMay:

Enclosed in triplicate is the Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation in the above-referenced case as well as a copy of the legal advertisement. Yates Petroleum Corporation respectfully requests that this matter be placed on the docket for the November 2, 1995 Examiner hearings.

Very truly yours,



WILLIAM F. CARR

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Randy Patterson
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BEFORE THE
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION
FOR SPECIAL POOL RULES, CHAVES
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO. 11422

APPLICATION

COMES NOW, YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION ("YATES"), through its undersigned attorneys, and hereby makes application to the Oil Conservation Division for an order promulgating special rules and regulations for the West Pecos Slope-Abo Gas Pool including authorization of the drilling of an optional additional well on each standard spacing and proration unit and other provisions necessary to implement infill drilling in this pool, and in support of this application states:

1. Yates Petroleum Corporation operates numerous wells which produce from the Abo formation in the West Pecos Slope-Abo Gas Pool which is operated under statewide spacing rules that provide for 160-acre spacing units with one Abo formation well completed on each unit. Under statewide rules, each Abo well must be set back 660 feet from the outer boundary of the spacing unit dedicated thereto.

2. The West Pecos Slope-Abo Gas Pool was created by Oil Conservation Division order No. R-6876, dated February 1, 1983, and has been extended from time to time to include approximately 92,480 acres in the following described lands:

Township 5 South, Range 21 East, NMPM

Section 27: SW/4
Sections 30 through 34: All
Section 35: SW/4

Township 5 South, Range 22 East, NMPM

Section 25: SE/4
Section 27: SW/4
Section 30: S/2, NW/4
Section 31: All
Section 32: SE/4
Section 33: SW/4
Sections 34 and 35: All
Section 36: N/2

Township 6 South, Range 22 East, NMPM

Sections 1 through 4: All
Sections 9 through 16: All
Section 17: E/2
Sections 20 through 28: All
Sections 33 through 36: All

Township 6 South, Range 23 East, NMPM

Section 4: All
Section 6: S/2
Sections 7 through 9: All
Sections 16 through 21: All
Sections 29 through 32: All

Township 7 South, Range 22 East, NMPM

Sections 1 through 4: All
Sections 9 through 16: All
Sections 21 through 28: All

Sections 33 through 36: All

Township 7 South, Range 23 East, NMPM

Section 3: SW/4

Section 4: S/2

Sections 5 through 10: All

Section 11: W/2

Section 15: W/2

Sections 16 through 21: All

Sections 28 through 32: All

Township 8 South, Range 22 East, NMPM

Sections 1 through 4: All

Sections 9 through 16: All

Section 17: SE/4

Sections 21 through 29: All

Township 8 South, Range 23 East, NMPM

Sections 3 through 10: All

Section 15: NW/4

Section 16: E/2

Section 17: W/2

Sections 18 and 19: All

Section 20: W/2

Section 29: W/2

Sections 30 through 32: All

Section 33: NW/4

Township 9 South, Range 22 East, NMPM

Section 1: E/2

Section 12: E/2

Section 13: E/2

Section 24: E/2

Township 9 South, Range 23 East, NMPM

Sections 2 through 8: All

Section 11: N/2

Section 18: W/2

Section 19: W/2

3. By Order No. R-9976, dated September 24, 1993, the Oil Conservation Division granted the application of Yates for a pilot infill drilling program within portions of the Pecos Slope-Abo Gas Pool, for the drilling of an additional gas well within certain described standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration units in order to gather data to determine if infill drilling is necessary to effectively and efficiently drain the Abo formation. This pilot project was expanded by Division Order No R-9976-A, dated July 26, 1994. Both Orders provide that Yates shall appear before the Division and present the geologic and engineering data it has acquired from the pilot project and make recommendations to the Division concerning amendments, if any are applicable, to the rules which currently govern the Pecos Slope-Abo Gas Pool. This case was reopened in August, 1995 and has been continued until November 2, 1995 to permit Yates to report the results of its pilot project. Yates' recommendations also are applicable to the rules which govern the West Pecos Slope-Abo Gas Pool.

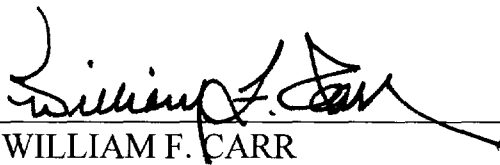
4. To enable operators in the West Pecos Slope-Abo Gas Pool to produce the reserves therein in the most effective and efficient way and to be able to drill an adequate number of wells to produce the reserves from this pool without causing waste, special rules and regulations should be adopted for the pool on a permanent basis authorizing the drilling of an optional additional well on each standard spacing and proration unit in the pool.

5. Approval of this application will be in the best interest of conservation and the adoption of rules for the West Pecos Slope-Abo Pool which authorize infill drilling in this pool will prevent waste and will not impair correlative rights.

WHEREFORE, Yates Petroleum Corporation requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on November 2, 1995, that notice be given of this application as required by law and the rules of the Division, and that after hearing this application be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

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CASE NO. 11922: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for Special Pool Rules, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks the promulgation of the special pool rules and regulations for the West Pecos Slope-Abo Gas Pool, located in portions of Townships 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 South, Ranges 21, 22, and 23 East, including provisions authorizing the drilling of an optional additional well on each standard spacing and proration unit and other provisions necessary to implement infill drilling in this pool. Said area is located approximately _____ miles _____ of _____, New Mexico.