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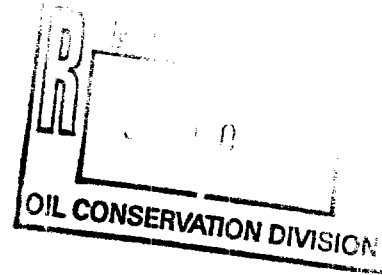
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William J. LeMay, Director
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2040 South Pacheco Street
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Re: Oil Conservation Division Case No. 11539:
Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for an unorthodox well location,
Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. LeMay:

Yates Petroleum Corporation, applicant in the above-captioned case, respectfully requests that this matter which is currently set on the Division docket for the July 11, 1996 hearings be continued to the July 25, 1996 Examiner docket.

Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature of William F. Carr, written in cursive script.

WILLIAM F. CARR

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cc: Ms Kathy H. Porter