

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
ENERGY, MINERALS, AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING  
CALLED BY THE OIL  
CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE  
PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:**

**CASE NO. 11666  
CASE NO. 11677  
Order No. R-10731-A**

**APPLICATION OF INTERCOAST OIL  
AND GAS COMPANY FOR COMPUL-  
SORY POOLING AND UNORTHODOX  
GAS WELL LOCATION, EDDY  
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

**APPLICATION OF YATES  
PETROLEUM CORPORATION FOR  
COMPULSORY POOLING AND AN  
UNORTHODOX GAS WELL  
LOCATION, EDDY COUNTY, NEW  
MEXICO.**

**ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR A STAY  
OF DIVISION ORDER NO. 10731**

**BY THE DIVISION:**

This matter having come before the Division upon the request of Yates Petroleum Corporation for a Stay of Division Order No. R-10731 and the Division Director having considered the request and being fully advised in the premises,

NOW, on this 30th day of January, 1997, the Division Director:

**FINDS THAT:**

(1) Division Order No. R-10731 was entered on January 12, 1997, upon the competing applications of Yates Petroleum Corporation (Yates) and InterCoast Oil and Gas Company (InterCoast) for compulsory pooling of the E/2 of Section 20, Township 20 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

(2) On January 21, 1997, Yates filed a request for a De Novo hearing with the Oil Conservation Commission, which case is now set for hearing on February 13, 1997.

(3) Yates filed a Motion to Stay Division Order No. R-10731 on January 24, 1997, and InterCoast filed its Response to this Motion on January 28, 1997.

(4) Granting the "Stay" would delay the drilling of the well which would risk the loss of valuable farmout rights.

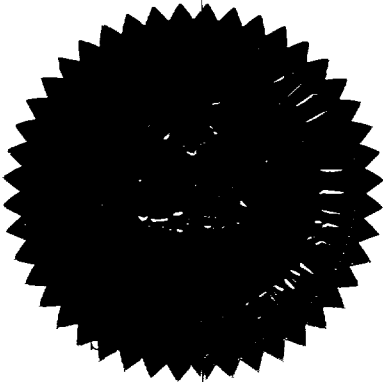
(5) Yates's Motion fails to allege circumstances that warrant a Stay of Division Order No. R-10731.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

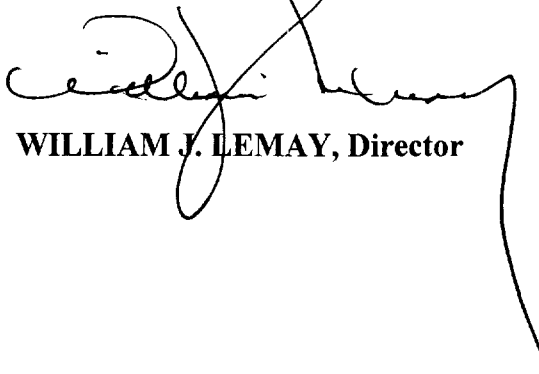
(1) Yates's Motion for a Stay of Division Order No. R-10731 is hereby denied.

(2) Jurisdiction is hereby retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.



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**WILLIAM J. LEMAY, Director**