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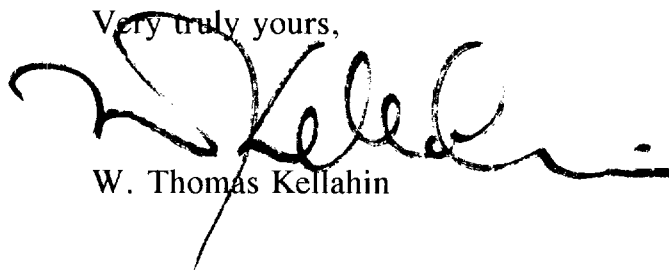
William J. LeMay  
Oil Conservation Division  
310 Old Santa Fe Trail  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

Re: NMOCD Case 11714  
Application of Yates Energy Corporation  
for Compulsory Pooling,  
Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. LeMay:

On behalf of Santa Fe Energy Resources, Inc., an adversely affected interest owner, please find enclosed our Entry of Appearance in opposition to the applicant in the referenced case which has been continued to the Examiner's hearing on February 20, 1997.

Very truly yours,



W. Thomas Kellahin

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William F. Carr, Esq.  
Attorney for Yates Petroleum Corporation

Santa Fe Resources, Inc.  
Attn: Meg Mullinghouse

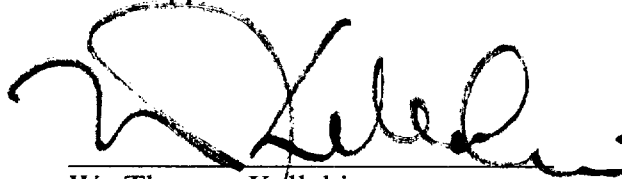
**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION  
OF YATES ENERGY CORPORATION FOR  
COMPULSORY POOLING,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

CASE NO. 11714

**ENTRY OF APPEARANCE**

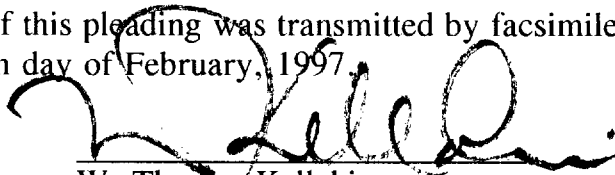
Comes now **SANTA FE ENERGY RESOURCES, INC.**, by its attorneys, Kellahin and Kellahin, and enters its appearance in this case as an interested party in opposition to the applicant.



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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I certify that a copy of this pleading was transmitted by facsimile to counsel for applicant this 4th day of February, 1997.



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