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Ms. Lori Wrotenbery, Director
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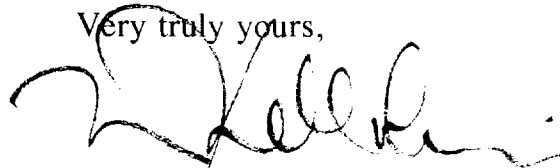
Re: NMOCD Case 11971

Application of Yates Energy Corporation
for an unorthodox gas well location,
non-standard proration unit and simultaneous dedication.
Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

On behalf of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C., an adversely affected interest owner, please find enclosed our Entry of Appearance in opposition to the applicant in the referenced case which is currently set for an Examiner's hearing on April 30, 1998.

Very truly yours,



W. Thomas Kellahin

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Nearburg Exploration, L.L.C.
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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF YATES ENERGY CORPORATION FOR
AN UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION,
SIMULTANEOUS DEDICATION AND A NON-
STANDARD GAS PRORATION AND SPACING UNIT
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

CASE NO. 11971

ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Comes now Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C., 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 22nd day of April, 1998.



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