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Ms. Lori Wrotenbery, Director Oil Conservation Division New Mexico Department of Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources 2040 South Pacheco Street Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

> Oil Conservation Division Case 12037: Re:

> > Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for Pool Contraction, Pool Extension and Special Pool Rules, or in the alternative, Simultaneous Dedication, Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

Yates Petroleum Corporation hereby requests that the above referenced case which is currently set on the Division's January 21, 1999 hearing docket be continued to the February 4, 1999 Examiner hearing docket.

Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

Very truly yours

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