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VIA FACSIMILE

Mr. Michael E. Stogner
Chief Hearing Examiner
Oil Conservation Division
2040 South Pacheco
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505



Re: *NMOCD Case 12185*
Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation
for an unorthodox gas well location
N/2 Sec 5, T17S, R27E
Eddy County, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Stogner:

On behalf of OXY USA Inc., an adversely affected offsetting interest owner, please enter our appearance in the referenced case.

Very truly yours,



W. Thomas Kellahin

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OXY USA Inc.

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