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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Lori Wrotenbery, Director
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2040 South Pacheco Street
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***Re: CASE 12186: (De Novo) Application of Chesapeake Operating Inc. for
compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.***

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery,

Ameristate Oil & Gas, Inc. hereby requests that the De Novo Appeal in the above-referenced case be dismissed.

Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



William F. Carr

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cc: W.T. Kellahin, Esq. (via facsimile)
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