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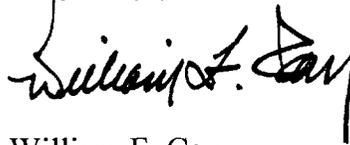
***RE: In the matter of Case 12373: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation
for an Unorthodox Gas Well Location, Lea County, New Mexico.***

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery,

Yates Petroleum Corporation hereby respectfully requests that the Examiner Hearing in the above-referenced case which is currently scheduled for April 6, 2000 be continued to the April 20, 2000 Examiner Hearing Docket.

Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



William F. Carr

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