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**HAND DELIVERED**

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Re: **Case 12374**: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for amendment of the Special Pool Rules and Regulations for the South Big Dog-Strawn Pool, Lea county, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Stogner:

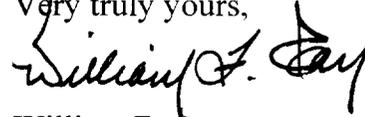
Yates Petroleum Corporation hereby requests that the hearing on the above-referenced application which is currently scheduled for April 6, 2000 be continued to the examiner hearing scheduled for May 4, 2000.

On April 3, 2000. we received a copy of an application filed by Ocean Energy, Inc. seeking the contraction of the South Big Dog-Strawn Pool, the creation of a new pool in the Strawn formation, A special depth bracket allowable and GOR for the new pool and the cancellation of over production for its Townsend State Well No. 5 which is located 1520 feet from the East line and 330 feet from the South line of Section 2, Township 16 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. Ocean's application will be set for hearing on May 4, 2000.

Since Yates's application in Case 12374 and the new Ocean application involve the same acreage, Yates requests that its application be continued to May 4th so both applications can be considered in one hearing.

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Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William F. Carr". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "W".

William F. Carr

Attorney for Yates Petroleum Corporation