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Yates Petroleum Corporation
105 South Fourth Street
Artesia, New Mexico 88210

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a copy of an application for a non-standard spacing and
eration unit regarding the Strawn formation underlying the NW¼Sec
of Section 2, Township 16 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County,
New Mexico, filed with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division for
Ocean Energy Resources, Inc. If you object to the application, you
must notify the Division in writing no later than Monday, July 10,
2000 (2040 South Pacheco Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504;
Attention: Michael E. Stogner). Failure to object will preclude
you from contesting this matter at a later date.

Very truly yours,



James Bruce

Attorney for Ocean Energy
Resources, Inc.