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Re: NMOCD Case 11666:
*InterCoast Oil & Gas Company
 Application for Compulsory Pooling,
 and an Unorthodox Well Location
 Eddy County, New Mexico*

NMOCD Case 11677:
*Yates Petroleum Corporation
 Application for Compulsory Pooling,
 and an Unorthodox Well Location
 Eddy County, New Mexico*

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Dear Jim:

On January 21, 1997, I filed an Application for a DeNovo hearing before the Commission in Order R-10731 for the referenced cases and transmitted a copy to you by facsimile. I am preparing and will file tomorrow a request with the Division that this order to stayed pending a Commission hearing.

I would appreciate you confirming that your client, InterCoast Oil & Gas Company, will not attempt to commence drilling this well until the issue of the stay can be decided by the Commission. I appreciate your immediate attention to this request.

Very truly yours,

W. Thomas Kellahin

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Attn: Rand Carroll, Esq.
cfx: Yates Petroleum Corporation
Attn: Mecca Mauritsen