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> Re: Case Nos. 12535, 12567, 12569, and 12590 de novo, and Case Nos. 12738 and 12794 (Ocean Energy Resources, Inc./ Yates Petroleum Corporation)

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

Ocean Energy Resources, Inc. requests that the above matters, currently set for hearing on February 15, 2002, be continued to the September Commission hearing. Yates Petroleum Corporation concurs in this request.

The parties request that the underlying order be stayed pending the de novo hearing in these matters.

Very truly yours,

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cc: William F. Carr (via fax)