



**EXHIBIT A**

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5th Floor  
Midland, Texas 79701

Marathon Oil Company  
Post Office Box 552  
Midland, Texas 79702

MW Petroleum Corporation  
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November 9, 1992

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Re: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for Compulsory Pooling and an  
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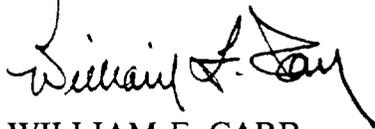
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Very truly yours,

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WILLIAM F. CARR

ATTORNEY FOR YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION

WFC:mlh

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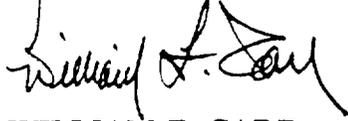
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