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July 10, 2003

Yates Petroleum Corporation 105 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street Artesia, New Mexico 88210-2118

Attn: Ms. Bonnie Floore

Re: 2003 Plan of Development East Sand Springs State Unit Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Ms. Floore:

The Commissioner of Public Lands has, of this date, approved the above-captioned Plan of Development. Our approval is subject to like approval by all other appropriate agencies.

The possibility of drainage by wells outside of the unit area and the need for further development of the unit may exist. You may be contacted at a later date regarding these possibilities.

If you have any questions or if we may be of further help, please contact Pete Martinez at (505) 827-5791.

Very truly yours,

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July 9, 2002

Yates Petroleum Corporation 105 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street Artesia, New Mexico 88210-2118

Attn: Ms. Bonnie Floore

2002 Plan of Development East Sand Springs Unit Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Ms. Floore:

The Commissioner of Public Lands has, of this date, approved the above-captioned Plan of Development. Our approval is subject to like approval by all other appropriate agencies.

The possibility of drainage by wells outside of the unit area and the need for further development of the unit may exist. You may be contacted at a later date regarding these possibilities.

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RAY POWELL, M.S., D.V.M. COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

BY:

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February 27, 2002

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

Attn: Mr. Robert Bullock

Re: East Sand Springs Unit Well No. 2 SE/4SW/4, Sec. 24-11S-34E Commercial Well Determination Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Bullock:

We received your letter of February 20, 2002 together with data that supports your commercial determination regarding the East Sand Springs Unit Well No. 2.

The Commissioner of Public Lands concurs with Yates Petroleum Corporation's determination that the above-mentioned well is a commercial in the Morrow formation.

Please submit your 2002 Plan of Development for this unit.

Our notice of termination letter dated January 28, 2002 is hereby rescinded. If you have any questions or if we may be of further help, please contact Pete Martinez at (505) 827-5791.

Very truly yours,

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November 22, 1999

#### HAND-DELIVERED

Mr. Michael Stogner Hearing Examiner Oil Conservation Division New Mexico Department of Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources 2040 South Pacheco Street Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503

> Re: Preliminary Approval Proposed East Sand Springs Unit Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Stogner:

Enclosed please find the November 18, 19999 preliminary approval of the above reference unit from the Commissioner of Public Lands.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Very truly your

WILLIAM F. CARR

WFC/md Enclosure

cc: Mr. Robert Bullock Yates Petroleum Corporation

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November 18, 1999

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

Attention: Mr. Robert Bullock

Re: Preliminary Approval Proposed East Sands Springs Unit Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Bullock:

This office has received the unexecuted copy of the unit agreement, which you have submitted for the proposed East Sand Springs Unit area, Lea County, New Mexico. This agreement meets the general requirements of the Commissioner of Public Lands, who has this date granted you preliminary approval as to form and content.

Preliminary approval shall not be construed to mean final approval of this agreement in any way and will not extend any short term leases, until final approval and an effective date have been given.

Preliminary approval is given with the understanding that Yates Petroleum Corporation will drill two exploratory wells within the unit boundaries. The initial well will be drilled in the NW/4 of Section 5, Township 11 South, Range 35 East. Within six months from the completion date of the first well, the second well should be commenced and drilled to a sufficient depth to test the Morrow formation in the southern portion of the unit. If the second well is not drilled, the unit will be contracted to the pro-ration unit for the East Sand Springs Unit Well No. 1.

When submitting your agreement for final approval, please submit the following:

- 1. Application for final approval by the Commissioner setting forth the tracts that have been committed and the tracts that have not been committed.
- 2. Pursuant to Rule 1.045, applications for approval shall contain a statement of facts showing:
  - a. That such agreement will tend to promote the conservation of oil and gas and the better utilization of reservoir energy.
  - b. That under the proposed unit operation, the State of New Mexico will receive its fair share of the recoverable oil and gas in place under its lands in the proposed unit area.
  - That each beneficiary institution of the State of New Mexico will receive its fair and c. equitable share of the recoverable oil and gas under its lands within the unit area.
  - d. That such unit agreement is in other respects for the best interest of the trust.

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- 3. All ratifications from the Lessees of Record and Working Interest Owners. All signatures should be acknowledged by a notary and one set must contain original signatures.
- 4. Order of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division. Our approval will be conditioned upon subsequent favorable approval by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division.
- 5. Please submit two copies of the Unit Agreement.
- 6. A copy of the Unit Operating Agreement (if applicable).
- 7. Copies of all the well records for the initial unit well.
- 8. Your filing fee has been received.

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