

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY)
THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE)
PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:) CASE NO. 12,549
)
APPLICATION OF YATES PETROLEUM)
CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF A UNIT)
AGREEMENT, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO)

ORIGINAL

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

EXAMINER HEARING

BEFORE: MICHAEL E. STOGNER, Hearing Examiner

December 21st, 2000

Santa Fe, New Mexico

This matter came on for hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, MICHAEL E. STOGNER, Hearing Examiner, on Thursday, December 21st, 2000, at the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, Porter Hall, 2040 South Pacheco, Santa Fe, New Mexico, Steven T. Brenner, Certified Court Reporter No. 7 for the State of New Mexico.

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1 WHEREUPON, the following proceedings were had at
2 9:16 a.m.:

3 EXAMINER STOGNER: At this time I'm going to call
4 Case Number 12,549, which is the Application of Yates
5 Petroleum Corporation for approval of a unit agreement, Lea
6 County, New Mexico.

7 Call for appearances.

8 MR. FELDEWERT: Mr. Examiner, Michael Feldewert
9 with the law firm of Campbell, Carr, Berge and Sheridan,
10 appearing on behalf of the Applicant, Yates Petroleum
11 Corporation.

12 EXAMINER STOGNER: Sir, how do you spell your
13 last name? I don't know if I've met you yet.

14 MR. FELDEWERT: It's F, as in Frank, e-l-d-e-w-e-
15 r-t. And I think this is the first time I've appeared
16 before you, Mr. Examiner.

17 EXAMINER STOGNER: How long have you been over
18 with the Campbell, Carr -- ?

19 MR. FELDEWERT: Nine years.

20 EXAMINER STOGNER: And we haven't seen you over
21 here.

22 MR. FELDEWERT: Well, I have recently begun doing
23 some of the administrative work, probably in the last six
24 months.

25 EXAMINER STOGNER: Well, congratulations on --

1 MR. FELDEWERT: Thank you.

2 EXAMINER STOGNER: -- either finally getting over
3 here or nine successful years of avoiding this place.

4 Okay, you don't have any witnesses at this time?

5 MR. FELDEWERT: I do not. I do have one exhibit
6 I would want to introduce at this time, Mr. Examiner. You
7 will recall -- or you will see that this case was heard by
8 Mr. Catanach on December the 7th. It seeks approval of the
9 North Papalotes State Exploratory Unit. At the December
10 7th hearing, Mr. Catanach asked that the matter be
11 continued to allow Yates to discuss the matter with Ocean
12 Energy, who is a working interest owner in the unit area.

13 I have here, which we'd like to introduce as
14 Exhibit 8, a letter, a two-page letter. It's comprised of
15 a facsimile cover sheet to Mr. David Catanach from a Derold
16 Maney with Ocean Energy, dated December 21st. The second
17 page is a December 21st letter from Ocean Energy to Yates.
18 You'll see that with this letter Mr. Maney indicates that
19 Ocean Energy does not oppose the unit agreement and
20 supports the Application.

21 If I may approach, I'll give you a copy of this
22 exhibit.

23 EXAMINER STOGNER: Please.

24 MR. FELDEWERT: And with the introduction, Mr.
25 Examiner, of this Yates Exhibit Number 8, we would ask that

1 the matter be taken under advisement and transferred back
2 to Mr. Catanach for a decision.

3 EXAMINER STOGNER: Okay, anything further in this
4 matter?

5 MR. FELDEWERT: That's all we have.

6 EXAMINER STOGNER: Since there's nothing further
7 in Case Number 12,549, then this matter will be taken under
8 advisement.

9 MR. FELDEWERT: Thank you.

10 (Thereupon, these proceedings were concluded at
11 9:20 a.m.)

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Michael E. Stogner

CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
) ss.
COUNTY OF SANTA FE)

I, Steven T. Brenner, Certified Court Reporter and Notary Public, HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing transcript of proceedings before the Oil Conservation Division was reported by me; that I transcribed my notes; and that the foregoing is a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am not a relative or employee of any of the parties or attorneys involved in this matter and that I have no personal interest in the final disposition of this matter.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL December 22nd, 2000.



STEVEN T. BRENNER
CCR No. 7

My commission expires: October 14, 2002