



# NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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Attention: William F. Carr

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*Administrative Order NSL-4803*

Dear Mr. Carr:

Reference is made to the following: (i) your application on behalf of the operator, Yates Petroleum Corporation ("Yates") dated October 18, 2002 (*application reference No. pKRV-229426398*); and (ii) the records of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division") in Santa Fe: all concerning Yates request for a unorthodox gas well location covering all gas producing formations spaced on 320 acres, for its Chimay "BAO" State Well No. 1 to be drilled at a location 1988 feet from the North line and 155 feet from the West line (Unit E) of Section 2, Township 24 South, Range 23 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

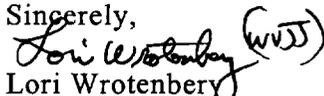
Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and Units E, F, G, H (all being the N/2 equivalent) of Section 2, Township 24 South, Range 23 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico is to be dedicated to this well - being a standard 319.2 acre gas spacing and proration unit in the Wolfcamp and all deeper formations.

This application has been duly filed under the provisions of Division Rule 104.F, revised by Division Order No.R-11231, issued by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission in Case No. 12119 on August 12, 1999.

It is our understanding that Yates is seeking this location exception due to topographic reasons rendering it impossible to drill at a standard location in the N/2 of Section 2.

By the authority granted me under the provisions of Division Rule 104.F (2), the above-described unorthodox 320-acre gas well location within this 320-acre unit comprising the N/2 of Section 2 is hereby **approved**.

Sincerely,

  
Lori Wrotenbery  
Director

cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division – Artesia  
Yates Petroleum Corporation - Artesia  
State Land Office – Santa Fe