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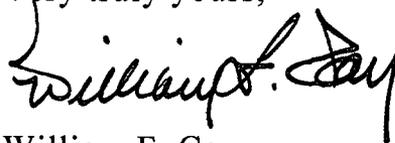
**Re: Case No. 13045: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation
for an unorthodox location, Chaves County, New Mexico.**

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

Yates Petroleum Corporation hereby requests that the Examiner Hearing in the above-referenced case that is currently scheduled for May 22, 2003, be continued to the June 19, 2003 Examiner Hearing Docket.

Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



William F. Carr

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cc: Mr. Randy Patterson
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