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HAND DELIVERY

Mr. Mark Fesmire, Director
Oil Conservation Division
New Mexico Department of Energy,
Minerals and Natural Resources
1220 South Saint Francis Drive
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Case 13529

Re: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for approval of a unit agreement, Chaves County, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Fesmire:

Enclosed in triplicate is the Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation in the above-referenced case as well as a copy of the legal advertisement. Yates Petroleum Corporation requests that this matter be placed on the July 28, 2005 Examiner Hearing docket.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Chuck Moran
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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APPLICATION OF YATES PETROLEUM
CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL
OF A UNIT AGREEMENT,
CHAVES COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO. 13529

APPLICATION

YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION ("Yates"), through its undersigned attorneys, hereby makes application for an order approving its Stadium State Exploratory Unit and in support of this application states:

1. The proposed Unit Area consists of 960 acres, more or less, of State of New Mexico lands, situated in Chaves County, New Mexico. The horizontal limits of said unit are described as follows:

Township 12 South, Range 26 East, N.M.P.M.

Section 15: W2
Section 16: All

2. The Unit Agreement has been approved by a sufficient percentage of the interest owners within the proposed Unit Area to provide effective control of unit operations.

3. The Applicant, Yates Petroleum Corporation, is designated as Unit Operator in said Unit Agreement and all oil and gas in all formations are unitized.

4. The proposed Unit Area covers all, or substantially all, of the geological structures or anomaly from the surface to the top of the Pre-Cambrian formation.

5. Said Unit Agreement and the unitized operation and management of the Unit Area will be in the interest of conservation and the prevention of waste, and that it will protect the correlative rights of all parties concerned.

WHEREFORE, Yates Petroleum Corporation requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on July 28, 2005, that notice be given as required by law and the rules of the Division, and that the Stadium State Exploratory Unit be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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CORPORATION

CASE NO. 13529:

Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for approval of a Unit Agreement, Chves County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval of the Stadium State Exploratory Unit from the surface to the top of the Pre-Cambrian formation in an area comprising 960 acres of State of New Mexico lands in Sections 15 and 16 in Township 12 South, Range 26 East, NMPM which is located approximately 6 miles north of Dexter, New Mexico.