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

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Re: Case No. 13153: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation to re-open Case No. 13153 to permit Yates to withdraw its election to participate in further operations on the State "X" Well No. 1 and hereafter be a "non-consenting working interest owner" in the well and, pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-12108-C, to determine the reasonableness of the actual well costs to be refunded by Pride Energy Company to Yates Petroleum Corporation pursuant to this order, Lea County, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Fesmire:

Yates Petroleum Corporation hereby requests that the Examiner Hearing in the above-referenced case that is currently scheduled for May 19, 2005, be continued to the June 16, 2005 Examiner Hearing Docket.

Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

William F. Carr
of Holland & Hart^{LLP}

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cc: Jim Bruce