

Affidavit of Publication

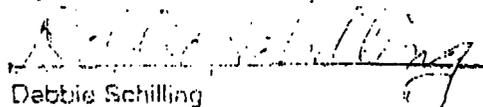
STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
) ss.
COUNTY OF LEA)

John Graham being first duly sworn on oath deposes and says that he is Publisher of **THE LOVINGTON DAILY LEADER**, a daily newspaper of general paid circulation published in the English language at Lovington, Lea County, New Mexico; that said newspaper has been so published in such county continuously and uninterruptedly for a period in excess of twenty-six (26) consecutive weeks next prior to the first publication of the notice hereto attached as hereinafter shown; and that said newspaper is in all things duly qualified to publish legal notices within the meaning of Chapter 167 of the 1937 Session Laws of the State of New Mexico.

That the notice which is hereto attached, entitled Notice Of Publication was published in a regular and entire issue of **THE LOVINGTON DAILY LEADER** and not in any supplement thereof, for one (1) day, beginning with the issue of July 25, 2005 and ending with the issue of July 28, 2005.

And that the cost of publishing said notice is the sum of \$ 47.55 which sum has been (Paid) as Court Costs.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of September, 2005.


Debbie Schilling
Notary Public, Lea County, New Mexico
My Commission Expires June 22, 2006

LEGAL NOTICE
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PUBLICATION

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

The State of New Mexico through its Oil Conservation Division hereby gives notice pursuant to law and the Rules and Regulations of the Division of the following public hearing to be held at 8:15 A.M. on August 11, 2005, in the Oil

Conservation Division Hearing Room at 1220 South St. Francis, Santa Fe, New Mexico, before an examiner duly appointed for the hearing. If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing, please contact: Florene Davidson at 505-478-3458 or through the New Mexico Relay Network, 1-800-659-1779 by August 1, 2005. Public documents including the agenda and minutes, can be provided in various accessible forms. Please contact Florene Davidson if a summary or other type of accessible form is needed.

Commission at Santa Fe New Mexico on this 20 day of July 2005.

STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION
DIVISION

Mark E. Fesmire, P.E.
Director
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2005.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
TO:

All named parties and persons having any right, title, interest or claim in the following cases and notice to the public.

(NOTE: All land descriptions herein refer to the New Mexico Principal Meridian whether or not so stated.)

CASE 13536:

Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for approval of a Unit Agreement, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval of the Wills State Exploratory Unit from the surface to the base of the Mississippian formation in an area comprising 9880.53 acres of State of New Mexico lands in Sections 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 34 and 35 and to depths below 9400 feet to the base of the Mississippian in Section 22 in Township 10 South, Range 33 East, NMPM which is located approximately 15 miles west of Crossroads, New Mexico.

Given under the Seal of the State of New Mexico
Oil Conservation

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

Santa Fe, New Mexico
Case No. 13536 Exhibit No. 4
Submitted by:

Yates Petroleum Corporation
Hearing Date: September 8, 2005