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June 20, 2007

Yates Petroleum Corporation  
105 South Fourth Street  
Artesia, New Mexico 88210-2118

Attention: Mr. Robert Bullock

Re: Voluntary Termination  
Big Hat State Unit  
Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Bullock:

Your letter of June 12, 2007 has been received by this office. Your letter requests the voluntary termination of the Big Hat State Unit Agreement. Enclosed with your letter of June 12, 2007 are ratifications of over 75% of the working interest owners requesting the unit termination.

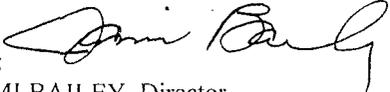
Pursuant to Article 17 of the Big Hat State Unit Agreement, please be advised that this office has terminated the Big Hat State Unit Agreement effective June 20, 2007.

Please notify all interested parties of this action.

If you have any questions or if we may be of further help, please contact Pete Martinez at (505) 827-5791.

Very truly yours,

PATRICK H. LYONS  
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

BY:   
JAMI BAILEY, Director  
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pc: Reader File, Commissioner's File  
NMOCD Attention: Mr. David Catanach  
TRD-Attention: Mr. Valdean Severson  
RMD-Attn: Mr. Kurt McFall

**-State Land Office Beneficiaries -**

Carrie Tingley Hospital • Charitable Penal & Reform • Common Schools • Eastern NM University • Rio Grande Improvement • Miners' Hospital of NM • NM Boys School • NM Highlands University • NM Institute of Mining & Technology • New Mexico Military Institute • NM School for the Deaf • NM School for the Visually Handicapped • NM State Hospital • New Mexico State University • Northern NM Community College • Penitentiary of New Mexico • Public Buildings at Capital • State Park Commission • University of New Mexico • UNM Saline Lands • Water Reservoirs • Western New Mexico University

UNIT NAME: BIG HAT STATE UNIT  
 OPERATOR: YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION  
 COUNTY: LEA

DATE APPROVED	OCD CASE NO. OCD ORDER NO.	TOTAL ACREAGE	STATE	FEDERAL	INDIAN FEE	SEGREGATION CLAUSE	TERM
EFFECTIVE 6/24/2002	CASE NO. 12870 ORDER NO. R-11779	3261.32	3261.32	0	0	STRICT	5 YEARS & SO LONG AS

APPROVALS

SLO-6/24/2002  
 OCD-6/7/2002

TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST

SECTION 2: ALL  
 SECTION 3: ALL  
 SECTION 10: ALL  
 SECTION 11: ALL

**TERMINATED**  
 EFFECTIVE DATE 6/30/07  
 APPROVAL DATE 6/20/07