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Mark E. Fesmire, P.E.
Director
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New Mexico Energy, Minerals and
Natural Resources Department
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Case 14059

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**Re: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for compulsory pooling,
Chaves County, New Mexico.**

Dear Mr. Fesmire:

Enclosed is the application of Yates Petroleum Corporation in the above-referenced case as well as a copy of a legal advertisement. Yates requests that this matter be placed on the docket for the January 10, 2008 Examiner hearings.

Sincerely yours,

Ocean Munds-Dry

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**ATTORNEYS FOR
YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION**

cc: Mr. Lucky Briggs

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION
FOR COMPULSORY POOLING,
CHAVES COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

CASE NO.: 14058

APPLICATION

YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION, (“Yates”) through its undersigned attorneys, hereby makes application to the Oil Conservation Division pursuant to the provisions of N.M. Stat. Ann. § 70-2-17 (2007), for an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Precambrian formation in the following described spacing and proration units located in the S/2 of Section 14, Township 6 South, Range 26 East, N.M.P.M., Chaves County, New Mexico: the S/2 for all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within this vertical extent including the Undesignated Bosque-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool and the Undesignated Crockett Draw-Wolfcamp Gas Pool; the SE/4 for all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within this vertical extent including the Pecos Slope-Abo Gas Pool; and the NW/4 SE/4 for all formations and/or pools developed on 40-acre spacing within this vertical extent including the Undesignated Crockett Draw-Siluro Devonian Pool and in support of its application states:

1. Yates Petroleum Corporation is a working interest owner in said Section 14 and has the right to drill thereon.
2. Yates proposes to dedicate the above-referenced spacing or proration unit to its Cooker BCB Federal Com Well No. 3 to be drilled from a location 1680 feet from the South line

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and 1980 feet from the East line of Section 14, Township 6[✓] South, Range 26 East, NMPM, Chaves County, New Mexico to an approximate depth of 5,965 feet to test any and all formations from the surface to the base of the Precambrian formation.

3. Yates has sought and been unable to gain the voluntary participation of certain interest owners in the subject spacing unit who is identified on Exhibit A to this application.

4. Said pooling of interests will avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, will prevent waste and will protect correlative rights.

5. In order to permit the Yates to obtain its just and fair share of the oil and gas underlying the subject lands, all mineral interests should be pooled, and Yates Petroleum Corporation should be designated the operator of the well to be drilled.

WHEREFORE, Yates Petroleum Corporation requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on January 10, 2008 and, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter its order:

- A. pooling all mineral interests in the subject spacing and proration units,
- B. designating Yates Petroleum Corporation operator of these units and the well to be drilled thereon,
- C. authorizing Yates Petroleum Corporation to recover its costs of drilling, equipping and completing the well,
- D. approving the actual operating charges and costs of supervision while drilling and after completion, together with a provision adjusting the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedures, and
- E. imposing a penalty for the risk assumed by Yates Petroleum Corporation in

drilling and completing the well against any working interest owner who does not voluntarily participate in the drilling of the well.

Respectfully submitted,

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**ATTORNEYS FOR YATES PETROLEUM
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EXHIBIT A

**APPLICATION OF YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION
FOR COMPULSORY POOLING
S/2 OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST, N.M.P.M.
CHAVES COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

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CASE 14059: **Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for compulsory pooling, Chaves County, New Mexico.** Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Precambrian formation in the following described spacing and proration units located in the S/2 of Section 14, Township 6 South, Range 26 East, N.M.P.M., Chaves County, New Mexico: the S/2 for all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within this vertical extent including the Undesignated Bosque-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool and the Undesignated Crockett Draw-Wolfcamp Gas Pool; the SE/4 for all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within this vertical extent including the Undesignated Pecos Slope-Abo Gas Pool; and the NW/4 SE/4 for all formations and/or pools developed on 40-acre spacing within this vertical extent including the Undesignated Crockett Draw-Siluro Devonian Pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to its Cooker BCB Fed Com Well No. 3 to be drilled at a location 1680 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the East line of Section 14, Township 6 South, Range 26 East, NMPM, Chaves County, New Mexico to an approximate depth of 5,965 feet to test any and all formations from the surface to the base of the Precambrian formation. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of Yates Petroleum Corporation as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located 30 miles northeast of Roswell, New Mexico.