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Ms. Lori Wrotenbery, Director
Oil Conservation Division
New Mexico Department of Energy,
Minerals and Natural Resources
1220 South Saint Francis Drive
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: Case 12681: Reopened pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-11680, which order promulgated temporary special pool rules for the Big Dog-Atoka Pool in Lea County, New Mexico.

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

Yates Petroleum Corporation, the applicant under Order No. R-11680 and an operator in the Big Dog-Atoka Pool, requests that the Examiner Hearing in the above-referenced matter, currently scheduled for December 4, 2003, be continued to the January 8, 2004, Examiner docket. Yates plans to have geologists and engineers present at the January 8th hearing on other matters who will be able to address the current status of operations in the Big Dog-Atoka Pool.

Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Michael H. Feldewert

cc. James Bruce, attorney for Devon Energy Production, L.P.
Randy Patterson, Yates Petroleum Corporation

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