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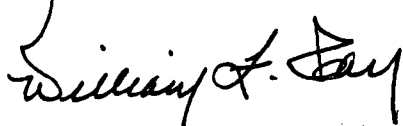
Re: *Oil Conservation Division Case No. 12086 (De Novo):  
Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation and Hanley Petroleum Inc. for  
Allowable Reduction and the Escrow of Production Proceeds, Lea County,  
New Mexico*

Dear Ms Wrotenbery:

Yates Petroleum Corporation and Hanley Petroleum Inc. respectfully request that this matter which is currently set on the Commission docket for the January 14, 1999 hearings be continued to the Commission's February docket.

Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



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