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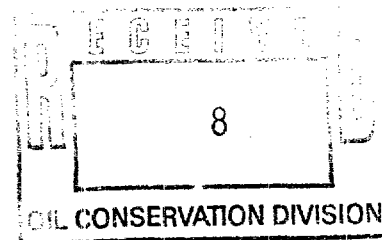
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William J. LeMay, Director
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2040 South Pacheco Street
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Re: Oil Conservation Division Case No. 11539:
Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for an Unorthodox Well Location,
Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. LeMay:

Yates Petroleum Corporation, applicant in the above-captioned case, respectfully requests that the above-referenced case which is currently set on the July 25, 1996 Division docket be dismissed.

Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM F. CARR

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cc: Ms Kathy H. Porter