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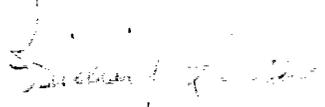
Re: *Case 11621: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for an unorthodox gas well location, Lea County, New Mexico*

Dear Mr. LeMay:

Yates Petroleum Corporation hereby requests that the hearing in the above referenced case be continued and readvertised for the November 7, 1996 Examiner Hearing docket. Enclosed is an amended advertisement for this hearing which at the instruction of Mr. Stogner provides that "IN THE ABSENCE OF OBJECTION, THIS MATTER WILL BE TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT."

Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Very truly yours,


WILLIAM F. CARR

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cc: Robert Bullock

CASE 11621 (Readvertised):

Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for an unorthodox gas well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location within the Atoka formation for its Papalotes Unit Well No. 1 (API No.30-025-33275), located 1960 feet from the South line and 330 feet from the East line (Unit I) of Section 34, Township 14 South, Range 34 East, being approximately 10 miles west by south of Hilburn City, New Mexico. The E/2 of Section 34 is to be dedicated to said well to form a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said gas bearing interval. IN THE ABSENCE OF OBJECTION, THIS MATTER WILL BE TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT.