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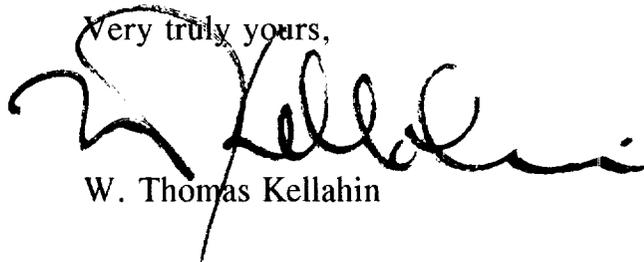
Mr. William J. LeMay, Chairman
Oil Conservation Commission
2040 South Pacheco
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: REQUEST FOR HEARING DENOVO
NMOCD CASE 11677 and Case 11666
Order No. R-10731
Competing Compulsory Pooling Application
of Yates Petroleum Corporation and
InterCoast Oil & Gas Company, Eddy County, N.M.

Dear Mr. LeMay:

On behalf of Yates Petroleum Corporation, please find enclosed our request for a Hearing DeNovo of the referenced case before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission. We request that this matter be set for hearing on the next available docket.

Very truly yours,



W. Thomas Kellahin

cc: James Bruce, Esq.
Attorney for InterCoast Oil & Gas Company
cc: Yates Petroleum Corporation
Attn: Mecca Mauritsen

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED
BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR
THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 11677

APPLICATION OF YATES PETROLEUM
CORPORATION FOR COMPULSORY POOLING
AND AN UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

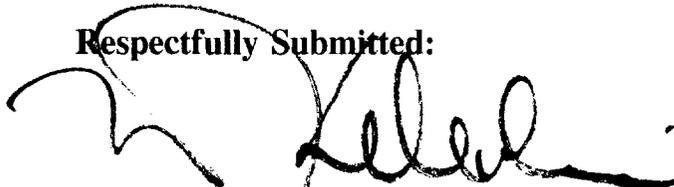
CASE NO. 11666

APPLICATION OF INTERCOAST OIL & GAS
COMPANY FOR COMPULSORY POOLING AND
AN UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION,
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION'S
REQUEST FOR A DE NOVO HEARING
BEFORE THE
NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Comes now YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION, a party of record before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division in Cases 11666 and 11677 and adversely affected by Division Order R-10731 entered January 13, 1997, by its attorneys Kellahin & Kellahin and pursuant to Section 70-2-13 NMSA-1978, hereby requests that the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission hold a HEARING DENOVO in this matter.

Respectfully Submitted:



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