

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:



APPLICATION OF OCEAN ENERGY RESOURCES, INC. CASE NO. 12535
FOR COMPULSORY POOLING AND FOUR NON-STANDARD
OIL AND GAS SPACING AND PRORATION UNITS,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

APPLICATION OF OCEAN ENERGY RESOURCES, INC. CASE NO. 12567
FOR COMPULSORY POOLING AND FOUR NON-STANDARD
OIL AND GAS SPACING AND PRORATION UNITS,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

APPLICATION OF YATES PETROLEUM CASE NO. 12569
CORPORATION FOR COMPULSORY POOLING,
AND THREE NON-STANDARD OIL AND GAS
SPACING AND PRORATION UNITS,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

This Prehearing Statement is submitted by Holland & Hart and Campbell & Carr as required by the Oil Conservation Division.

APPEARANCES OF PARTIES

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OPPOSITION OR OTHER PARTY

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STATEMENT OF CASE

APPLICANT

(Please make a concise statement of what is being sought with this application and the reasons therefore.)

Yates Petroleum Corporation, applicant in the above-captioned case, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation in the following described spacing and proration units located in Irregular Section 3, Township 16 South, Range 35 East: Lots 1 through 8 to form a non-standard 355.80-acre gas spacing and proration unit for all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within that vertical extent which includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated North Shoe Bar-Atoka Gas Pool and the North Shoe Bar-Morrow Gas Pool; Lots 1, 2, 7 and 8 to form a non-standard 178.59-acre gas spacing and proration unit for all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within that vertical extent; Lots 1 and 2 to form a non-standard 89.47-acre spacing and proration unit for all formations and/or pools developed on 80-acre within that vertical extent which includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated South Big Dog-Strawn Pool and Lot 1 to form a standard 40-acre spacing and proration unit for all formations and/or pools developed on 40-acre spacing and proration units which includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated Townsend-Permo Upper Pennsylvanian Pool. Said units are to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location 660 feet from the North and East lines of said Section 3 to a depth sufficient to test all formations from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located approximately 6 miles west-northwest of Lovington, New Mexico.

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OPPOSITION OR OTHER PARTY

(Please make a concise statement of the basis for opposing this application or otherwise state the position of the party filing this statement.)

PROPOSED EVIDENCE

APPLICANT

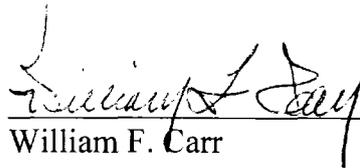
WITNESSES (Name and expertise)	ESTIMATED TIME	EXHIBITS
Robert Bullock (Landman)	15 Minutes	Approximately 6
Eric Cummins (Geologist)	15 Minutes	Approximately 4
Frank Scheubel (Geophysicist)	15 Minutes	Approximately 4

OPPOSITION

WITNESSES (Name and expertise)	ESTIMATED TIME	EXHIBITS
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PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Yates Petroleum Corporation will request the cases be consolidated for the purpose of hearing.



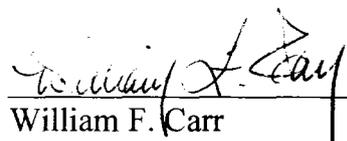
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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that on this 8th day of January, 2001, I have caused to be delivered by facsimile a copy of our Pre-Hearing Statement in the above-captioned cases to the following counsel of record:

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