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July 24, 2001

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Dear Mr. Bruce:

Based upon the reasons stated in your letter of July 9, 2001, and in accordance with the provisions of Division Order No. R-11566, Ocean Energy Resources, Inc. is hereby granted a suspension of time until Yates Petroleum Corporation's De Novo appeal is resolved in which to commence drilling the well pooled by this order.

Sincerely,

LORI WROTENBERY
Division Director

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cc: William F. Carr
Case Nos. 12535, 12567, 12569, and 12590
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Oil Conservation Commission
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Re: Case Nos. 12535, 12567, 12569, and 12590 *de novo* (Ocean
Energy Resources, Inc./Yates Petroleum Corporation)

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

Order No. R-11566, entered in the above case, requires that a well be commenced by July 15, 2001. Ocean Energy requests that the commencement date be stayed or suspended during the pendency of the appeal. I have conferred with Mr. Carr, and he does not object to this request. Thank you.

Very truly yours,



James Bruce

Attorney for Ocean Energy Resources, Inc.

cc: William F. Carr