

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Serial No.

NM NM 81929

OFFER TO LEASE AND LEASE FOR OIL AND GAS

The undersigned (reverse) offers to lease all or any of the lands in Item 2 that are available for lease pursuant to the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended and supplemented (30 U.S.C. 18 et seq.), the Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands of 1947, as amended (30 U.S.C. 351-359), the Attorney General's Opinion of April 2, 1941 (40 Op. Atty. Gen. 41); or the

READ INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING

1 Name YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION
Street 105 S 4TH ST
City, State, Zip Code ARTESIA, NM 88210

2. This application/offer/lease is for: (Check only One) ☒ PUBLIC DOMAIN LANDS ☐ ACQUIRED LANDS (percent U.S. interest _____)
Surface managing agency if other than BLM: _____ Unit/Project _____
Legal description of land requested: _____ *Parcel No.: _____ *Sale Date (m/d/y): _____ / _____ / _____
*SEE ITEM 2 IN INSTRUCTIONS BELOW PRIOR TO COMPLETING PARCEL NUMBER AND SALE DATE.
T. _____ R. _____ Meridian _____ State _____ County _____

Amount remitted: Filing fee \$ _____

Rental fee \$ _____

Total acres applied for _____
Total \$ _____

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

3. Land included in lease:

T. 20S R. 29E Meridian NMPM State NEW MEXICO County EDDY

SEC. 01: LOT 1, SENE
14 NE, NESE, W2SE
15 SE
22 ALL

Total acres in lease 1160.0100
Rental retained \$ 1741.50

This lease is issued granting the exclusive right to drill for, mine, extract, remove and dispose of all the oil and gas (except helium) in the lands described in Item 3 together with the right to build and maintain necessary improvements thereupon for the term indicated below, subject to renewal or extension in accordance with the appropriate leasing authority. Rights granted are subject to applicable laws, the terms, conditions, and attached stipulations of this lease, the Secretary of the Interior's regulations and formal orders in effect as of lease issuance, and to regulations and formal orders hereafter promulgated when not inconsistent with lease rights granted or specific provisions of this lease.

NOTE: This lease is issued to the high bidder pursuant to his/her duly executed bid or nomination form submitted under 43 CFR 3120 and is subject to the provisions of that bid or nomination and those specified on this form.

Type and primary term of lease:

☐ Noncompetitive lease (ten years)

☒ Competitive lease (five years)

☐ Other _____

YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION
Case No. 10014
07/25/90 Examiner Hearing
Exhibit No. 3

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

by Martha A. Rivera
(Signing Officer)

CHIEF, OIL & GAS LEASING UNIT

JUL 27 1989

(Title)

EFFECTIVE DATE OF LEASE

AUG - 1 1989 (Date)

(Continued on reverse)

4. (a) Underlined certifies that (1) offeror is a citizen of the United States; an association of such citizens; a municipality; or a corporation organized under the laws of the United States or of any State or Territory thereof; (2) all parties holding an interest in the offer are in compliance with 43 CFR 3100 and the leasing authorities; (3) offeror's chargeable interests, direct and indirect in either public domain or acquired lands do not exceed 246,080 acres in Federal oil and gas leases in the same State, of which not more than 200,000 acres are held under option, or 300,000 acres in leases and 200,000 acres in options in either leasing District in Federal coal lease holdings provided in sec. 21a(2)(A) of the Mineral Leasing Act; (b) offeror is in compliance with reclamation requirements for all Federal oil and gas lease holdings as required by sec. 17(g) of the Mineral Leasing Act; and (7) offeror is not in violation of sec. 41 of the Act.

(b) Underlined agrees that signature to this offer constitutes acceptance of this lease, including all terms, conditions, and stipulations of which offeror has been given notice, and any amendment or separate lease that may include any land and described in this offer open to leasing at the time this offer was filed but not for any reason from this lease. The offeror further agrees that this offer cannot be withdrawn, either in whole or in part, unless the withdrawal is received by the proper BLM State Office before this lease, an amendment to this lease, or a separate lease, whichever covers the land described in the withdrawal, has been signed on behalf of the United States.

This offer will be rejected and will afford offeror no priority if it is not properly completed and executed in accordance with the regulations, or if it is not accompanied by the required payments. 18 U.S.C. Sec. 1001 makes it a crime for any person knowingly and willfully to make to any Department or agency of the United States any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations as to any matter within its jurisdiction.

Duly executed this _____ day of _____, 19____.

(Signature of Lessee or Attorney-in-fact)

LEASE TERMS

Sec. 1. Rentals—Rentals shall be paid to proper office of lessor in advance of each lease year.

Annual rental rates per acre or fraction thereof are:

(a) Noncompetitive lease, \$1.50 for the first 5 years; thereafter \$2.00.

(b) Competitive lease, \$1.50; for primary term, thereafter \$2.00.

(c) Other, see attachment, or as specified in regulations at the time this lease is issued.

If this lease or a portion thereof is committed to an approved cooperative or unit plan which includes a well capable of producing leased resources, and the plan contains a provision for allocation of production, royalties shall be paid on the production allocated to this lease. However, not within a participating area.

Failure to pay annual rental, if due, on or before the anniversary date of this lease for next official working day if office is closed shall automatically terminate this lease by operation of law. Rentals may be waived, reduced, or suspended by the Secretary upon a sufficient showing by lessee.

Sec. 2. Royalties—Royalties shall be paid to proper office of lessor. Royalties shall be computed in accordance with regulations on production removed or sold. Royalty rates are:

(a) Noncompetitive lease, 12 1/2 %.

(b) Competitive lease, 12 1/2 %.

(c) Other, see attachment, or as specified in regulations at the time this lease is issued.

Lessor reserves the right to specify whether royalty is to be paid in value or in kind, and the right to establish reasonable minimum values on products after giving lessee notice and an opportunity to be heard. When paid in value, royalties shall be due and payable on the last day of the month following the month in which production occurred. When paid in kind, production shall be delivered, unless otherwise agreed to by lessor, in merchantable condition on the premises where produced without cost to lessor. Lessee shall not be required to hold such production nor shall lessee be held liable for loss or destruction of royalty oil or other products in storage from causes beyond the reasonable control of lessee.

Minimum royalty in lieu of rental of not less than the rental which otherwise would be required for that lease year shall be payable at the end of each lease year beginning on or after a discovery in paying quantities. This minimum royalty may be waived, suspended, or reduced, and the above royalty rates may be reduced, for all or portions of this lease if the Secretary determines that such action is necessary to encourage the greatest ultimate recovery of the leased resources, or is otherwise justified.

An interest charge shall be assessed on late royalty payments or underpayments in accordance with the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 (FOGRMA) (30 U.S.C. 1701).

Lessee shall be liable for royalty payments on oil and gas lost or wasted from a lease site when such loss or waste is due to negligence on the part of the operator, or due to the failure to comply with any rule, regulation, order, or citation issued under FOGRMA or the leasing authority.

Sec. 3. Bonds—A bond shall be filed and maintained for lease operations as required under regulations.

Sec. 4. Diligence, rate of development, unitization, and drainage—Lessee shall exercise reasonable diligence in developing and producing, and shall prevent unnecessary damage to loss of, or waste of leased resources. Lessor reserves right to specify rates of development and production in the public interest and to require lessee to subscribe to a cooperative or unit plan, within 30 days of notice, if deemed necessary for proper development and operation of area, field, or pool embracing these leased lands. Lessee shall drill and produce wells necessary to protect leased lands from drainage or pay compensatory royalty for drainage in amount determined by lessor.

Sec. 5. Documents, evidence, and inspection—Lessee shall file with proper office of lessor, not later than 30 days after effective date thereof, any contract or evidence of other arrangement for sale or disposal of production. At such times and in such form as lessor may prescribe, lessee shall furnish detailed statements showing amount and quality of all products removed and sold, proceeds therefrom, and amount used for production purposes or unavoidably lost. Lessee may be required to provide plats and schematic diagrams showing development work and improvements, and reports with respect to parties in interest, expenditures, and depreciation costs. In the form prescribed by lessor, lessee shall keep a daily drilling record, a log, information on well surveys and tests, and a record of all reasonable times for inspection by any authorized officer of lessor, the leased premises and all wells, improvements, machinery, and fixtures thereon, and all books, accounts, maps, and records relative to operations, surveys, or investigations on or in the leased land. Lessee shall maintain copies of all contracts, sales agreements, accounting records, and documentation such as billings, invoices, or similar documentation that supports records.

Sec. 6. Conduct of operations—Lessee shall conduct operations in a manner that minimizes adverse impacts to the land, air, and water, to cultural, biological, visual, and other resources, and to impacts to land uses or users. Lessee shall take reasonable measures deemed necessary by lessor to accomplish the intent of this section. To the extent consistent with lease rights granted, such measures may include, but are not limited to, modification to siting or design of facilities, timing of operations, and specification of interim and final reclamation measures. Lessor reserves the right to continue existing uses and to authorize future uses upon or in the leased lands, including the approval of easements or rights-of-way. Such uses shall be conditioned so as to prevent unnecessary or unreasonable interference with rights of lessee.

Prior to disturbing the surface of the leased lands, lessee shall contact lessor to be appraised of procedures to be followed and modifications or reclamation measures that may be necessary. Areas to be disturbed may require inventories or special studies to determine the extent of impacts to other resources. Lessee may be required to complete minor inventories or short term special studies under guidelines provided by lessor. If in the conduct of operations, threatened or endangered species, objects of historic or scientific interest, or substantial unanticipated environmental effects are observed, lessee shall immediately contact lessor. Lessee shall cease any operations that would result in the destruction of such species or objects.

Sec. 7. Mining operations—To the extent that impacts from mining operations would be substantially different or greater than those associated with normal drilling operations, lessor reserves the right to deny approval of such operations.

Sec. 8. Extraction of helium—Lessor reserves the option of extracting or having extracted helium from gas production in a manner specified and by means provided by lessor at no expense or loss to lessee or owner of the gas. Lessee shall include in any contract of sale of gas the provisions of this section.

Sec. 9. Damages to property—Lessee shall pay lessor for damage to lessor's improvements, and shall save and hold lessor harmless from all claims for damage or harm to persons or property as a result of lease operations.

Sec. 10. Protection of diverse interests and equal opportunity—Lessee shall: pay when due all taxes legally assessed and levied under laws of the State or the United States; record all employees complete freedom of purchase; pay all wages at least twice each month in lawful money of the United States; maintain a safe working environment in accordance with standard industry practices; and take measures necessary to protect the health and safety of the public.

Lessor reserves the right to ensure that production is sold at reasonable prices and to prevent monopoly. If lessee operates a pipeline, or owns controlling interest in a pipeline or a company operating a pipeline, which may be operated accessible to oil derived from these leased lands, lessee shall comply with section 28 of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920.

Lessee shall comply with Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, as amended, and regulations and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant thereto. Neither lessee nor lessee's subcontractors shall maintain segregated facilities.

Sec. 11. Transfer of lease interests and relinquishment of lease—As required by regulations, lessee shall file with lessor any assignment or other transfer of an interest in this lease. Lessee may relinquish this lease or any legal subdivision by filing in the proper office a written relinquishment, which shall be effective as of the date of filing, subject to the continued obligation of the lessee and surety to pay all accrued rentals and royalties.

Sec. 12. Delivery of premises—At such time as all or portions of this lease are returned to lessor, lessee shall place affected wells in condition for suspension or abandonment, reclaim the land as specified by lessor and, within a reasonable period of time, remove equipment and improvements not deemed necessary by lessor for preservation of producible wells.

Sec. 13. Proceedings in case of default—If lessee fails to comply with any provisions of this lease, and the noncompliance continues for 30 days after written notice thereof, this lease shall be subject to cancellation unless or until the lessee contains a well capable of production of oil or gas in paying quantities, or the lease is committed to an approved cooperative or unit plan or community agreement which contains a well capable of production of unitized substances in paying quantities. This provision shall not be construed to prevent the exercise of any other legal remedy, including waiver of the default. Any such remedy or waiver shall not prevent later cancellation for the same default occurring at any other time. Lessee shall be subject to applicable provisions and penalties of FOGRMA (30 U.S.C. 1701).

Sec. 14. Heirs and successors-in-interest—Each obligation of this lease shall extend to and be binding upon, and every benefit hereof shall inure to the heirs, executors, administrators, successors, beneficiaries, or assigns of the respective parties hereto.

UNITED STATES
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**COMPETITIVE OIL AND GAS OR
GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES LEASE BID**
30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.; 30 U.S.C. 351-359;
30 U.S.C. 1001-1025; 42 U.S.C. 6508

81929

FORM APPROVED
OMB NO. 1004-0074
Expires: Feb. 28, 1991

State

NM

Date of sale

6/21/89

PARCEL NUMBER

(Include name of known geothermal resource area
if bid is for geothermal resources lease)

NM NM 241

AMOUNT OF BID (See Instructions on reverse)

TOTAL BID

1,451,250.⁰⁰

PAYMENT SUBMITTED
WITH BID

1,453,066.⁵⁰

The appropriate regulations applicable to this bid are: (1) for oil and gas leases—43 CFR 3120; (2) for National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska (NPR-A) leases—43 CFR 3132; and (3) for Geothermal resources leases—43 CFR 3220. (See details concerning lease qualifications on reverse.)

I CERTIFY THAT I have read and am in compliance with, and not in violation of, the lessee qualification requirements under the applicable regulations for this bid.

I CERTIFY THAT this bid is not in violation of 18 U.S.C. 1860 which prohibits unlawful combination or intimidation of bidders. I further certify that this bid was arrived at independently and is tendered without collusion with any other bidder for the purpose of restricting competition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Execution of this form, where the offer is the high bid, constitutes a binding lease offer, including all applicable terms and conditions. Failure to comply with the applicable laws and regulations under which this bid is made shall result in rejection of the bid and forfeiture of all monies submitted.

ATTEST:

YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION

By

Assistant Secretary

By

President

Address: 105 South Fourth Street
Artesia, New Mexico 88210

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Form 3000-2 (June 1988)

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7. 1,452,991.50

QUALIFICATIONS

For leases that may be issued as a result of this sale under the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970, as amended, the bidder must: (1) Be a citizen of the United States; an association of such citizens; a municipality; or a corporation organized under the laws of the United States or of any State or Territory thereof; and (2) Be in compliance with acreage limitation requirements wherein the bidder's interests, direct and indirect, do not exceed 51,200 acres; and (3) Certify that all parties in interest in this bid are in compliance with 43 CFR Group 3200 and the leasing authority cited herein.

For leases that may be issued as a result of this sale under the Department of the Interior Appropriations Act of 1981, the bidder must: (1) Be a citizen or national of the United States; an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence; a private, public or municipal corporation organized under the laws of the United States or of any State or Territory thereof; an association of such citizens, nationals, resident aliens or private, public or municipal corporations, and (2) Certify that all parties in interest in this bid are in compliance with 43 CFR Part 3130 and the leasing authorities cited herein.

INSTRUCTIONS

INSTRUCTIONS FOR GEOTHERMAL OR NPR-A OIL AND GAS BID

1. Separate bid for each parcel is required. Identify parcel by the number assigned to a tract.
2. Bid must be accompanied by one-fifth of the total amount of bid. The remittance must be in the form specified in 43 CFR 3220.4 for a Geothermal Resources bid and 3132.2 for a NPR-A lease bid.
3. Mark envelope Bid for Geothermal Resources Lease in (Name of KGRA) or Bid for NPR-A Lease, as appropriate. Be sure correct parcel number of tract on which bid is submitted. No bid may be modified or withdrawn unless such modification or withdrawal is received prior to time fixed for opening of bids.
4. Mail or deliver bid to the proper BLM office or place indicated in the Notice of Competitive Lease Sale.
5. If bidder is not the sole party in interest in the lease for which bid is submitted, all other parties in interest may be required to furnish evidence of their qualifications upon written request by the authorized officer.

NOTICE

ROUTINE USES: (1) The adjudication of the bidder's right to the resources for which this bid is made. (2) Documentation for public information. (3) Transfer to appropriate Federal agencies when comment or concurrence is required prior to granting a right in public lands or resources. (4)(5) Information from the record and/or the record will be transferred to appropriate Federal, State, local or foreign agencies, when relevant to civil, criminal or regulatory investigations or prosecutions.

EFFECT OF NOT PROVIDING INFORMATION: Disclosure of the information is voluntary. If all the information is not provided, your bid may be rejected.

This information will be used to determine the bidder submitting the highest bid.

Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit.

For leases that may be issued as a result of this sale under the Mineral Leasing Act (The Act) of 1920, as amended, the oral bidder must: (1) Be a citizen of the United States; an association (including partnerships and trusts) of such citizens; a municipality; or a corporation organized under the laws of the United States or of any State or Territory thereof; (2) Be in compliance with acreage limitation requirements wherein the bidder's interests, direct and indirect, in oil and gas leases in the State identified do not exceed 246,080 acres each in public domain or acquired lands including acreage covered by this bid, of which not more than 200,000 acres are under options. If this bid is submitted for lands in Alaska, the bidder's holdings in each of the Alaska leasing districts do not exceed 300,000 acres, of which no more than 200,000 acres are under options in each district; (3) Be in compliance with Federal coal lease holdings as provided in sec. 2(a)(2)(A) of the Act; (4) Be in compliance with reclamation requirements for all Federal oil and gas holdings as required by sec. 17 of the Act; (5) Not be in violation of sec. 41 of the Act; and (6) Certify that all parties in interest in this bid are in compliance with 43 CFR Groups 3000 and 3100 and the leasing authorities cited herein.

1. Separate bid for each parcel is required. Identify parcel by the parcel number assigned in the Notice of Competitive Lease Sale.
2. Bid must be accompanied by the national minimum acceptable bid, the first year's rental and the administrative fee. The remittance must be in the form specified in 43 CFR 3103.1-1. The remainder of the bonus bid, if any, must be submitted to the proper BLM office within 10 working days after the last day of the oral auction.
3. If bidder is not the sole party in interest in the lease for which the bid is submitted, all other parties in interest may be required to furnish evidence of their qualifications upon written request by the authorized officer.
4. This bid may be executed (signed) before the oral auction. If signed before the oral auction, this form cannot be modified without being executed again.
5. In view of the above requirement (4), bidder may wish to leave AMOUNT OF BID section blank so that final bid amount may be either completed by the bidder or the Bureau of Land Management at the oral auction.

The Privacy Act of 1974 and the regulation in 43 CFR 2.48(d) provide that you be furnished the following information in connection with information required by this bid for a Competitive Oil and Gas or Geothermal Resources Lease.

AUTHORITY: 30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.; 30 U.S.C. 351-359; 30 U.S.C. 1001-1025; 42 U.S.C. 6508

PRINCIPLE PURPOSE: The information is to be used to process your bid.

The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.) requires us to inform you that:

This information is being collected in accordance with 43 CFR 3120, 43 CFR 3130, or 43 CFR 3220.

NOTICE TO LESSEE

Provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act (MLA) of 1920, as amended by the Federal Coal Leasing Amendments of 1976, affect an entity's qualifications to obtain an oil and gas lease. Section 2(a)(2)(A) of the MLA, 30 U.S.C. 201(a)(2)(A), requires that any entity that holds and has held a Federal coal lease for 10 years beginning on or after August 4, 1976, and who is not producing coal in commercial quantities from each such lease, cannot qualify for the issuance of any other mineral lease granted under the MLA. Compliance by coal lessees with Section 2(a)(2)(A) is explained in 43 CFR 3472.

In accordance with the terms of this oil and gas lease with respect to compliance by the initial lessee with qualifications concerning Federal coal lease holdings, all assignees and transferees are hereby notified that this oil and gas lease is subject to cancellation if: (1) the initial lessee as assignor or as transferor has falsely certified compliance with Section 2(a)(2)(A), or (2) because of a denial or disapproval by a State Office of a pending coal action, i.e., arms-length assignment, relinquishment, or logical mining unit, the initial lessee as assignor or as transferor is no longer in compliance with Section 2(a)(2)(A). The assignee, sublessee or transferee does not qualify as a bona fide purchaser and, thus, has no rights to bona fide purchaser protection in the event of cancellation of this lease due to noncompliance with Section 2(a)(2)(A).

Information regarding assignor, sublessor or transferor compliance with Section 2(a)(2)(A) is contained in the lease case file as well as in other Bureau of Land Management records available through the State Office issuing this lease.

STIPULATION

(NO SURFACE OCCUPANCY)

No surface occupancy or use is allowed on the lands described below
(legal subdivision or other description).

T. 20 S., R. 29 E., NMPM
Sec. 14: NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$
Sec. 15: SE $\frac{1}{4}$
Sec. 22: All

For the purpose of:

- a. Preventing hazards to oil and gas drilling operations due to drilling through open potash mine workings, cavities or voids over which the lands are situated.
- b. Preventing open potash mine workings from becoming gassey thereby creating a hazard to human health and safety during underground mining.
- c. Protecting critical, economically important potash resources within the Secretary's Potash Area as discussed in the Carlsbad RMP.

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
ROSWELL DISTRICT OFFICE

Roswell 43
May 1989

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
NEW MEXICO STATE OFFICE

Potash Stipulation

Stipulations to be executed and made part of any oil and gas lease involving lands described in Departmental Notice of November 5, 1975.

The lessee further agrees that:

- (1) No wells will be drilled for oil or gas except upon approval of the District Manager, BLM, it being understood that drilling will be permitted only in the event that it is satisfactorily established that such drilling will not interfere with the mining and recovery of potash deposits, or the interest of the United States would best be subserved thereby.
- (2) No wells will be drilled for oil or gas at a location which, in the opinion of the District Manager, BLM, would result in undue waste of potash deposits or constitute a hazard to or unduly interfere with mining operations being conducted for the extraction of potash deposits.
- (3) When it is determined by the District Manager, BLM, that unitization is necessary for orderly oil and gas development and proper protection of potash deposits, no well shall be drilled for oil or gas except pursuant to a unit plan approved by the District Manager, BLM.
- (4) The drilling or the abandonment of any well on said lease shall be done in accordance with applicable oil and gas operating regulations including such requirements as the District Manager, BLM, may prescribe as necessary to prevent the infiltration of oil, gas or water into formations containing potash deposits or into mines or workings being utilized in the extraction of such deposits.

This Stipulation applies only to the following lands:

T. 20 S., R. 29 E., NMPM
Sec. 1: Lot 1, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$