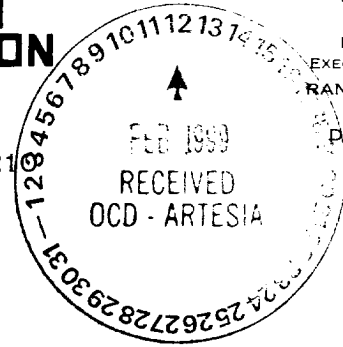


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ATTENTION: Mr. Tim Gum

RE: Hill View AHE Federal Com #4
Section 23-T20S-R24E
Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Sir:

Yates Petroleum Corporation respectfully requests a two year extension in which to repair the captioned well.

The well has been inspected by Yates Petroleum Corporation following notification from the OCD-Artesia. The well was found to have no pressure or flow at the bradenhead valves.

This extension is requested due to low product prices and the necessity of delaying expenditures. This well is not in service and will remain out of service until repaired. Approval will be obtained from the District Supervisor of the OCD-Artesia and the BLM-Roswell before any work is done on this well.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Ray Stall
Operations Engineer

RS:rk

cc: BLM-Roswell (sundry notice)