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January 3, 2000

BY FACSIMILE AND MAIL

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Ms. Janet Richardson Yates Petroleum Corporation 105 South Fourth Street Artesia, New Mexico 88210

Re: Oil Conservation Division Approval of well locations for the Avalon "ASZ" State Com Well Nos. 1 and 2.

Dear Janet:

On Thursday, December 30, 1999, I again discussed with Michael Stogner, the problems we had in our efforts to get the Oil Conservation Division to approve locations for the Avalon "ASZ" State Com Well Nos. 1 and 2. Early that afternoon Stogner called to advise that the Division had inadvertently issued two orders numbered R-8170-E-1 and that one of these orders provided that the Burton Flat-Morrow Gas Pool be operated under the Division's State wide rules.

I met with Mike and David Catanach this morning, and they agree that the pool is governed by the new spacing rules. Accordingly, I have delivered the enclosed letter and Mr. Catanach and asked him to call Tim Gum and advise that the APD for the Avalon "ASZ" State Com Well No. 2 can now be approved.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please call.

Very truly yours,

William F. Carr

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