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## NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

- Engineering Bureau -

1220 South St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, NM 87505



## ADMINISTRATIVE APPLICATION CHECKLIST

THIS CHECKLIST IS MANDATORY FOR ALL ADMINISTRATIVE APPLICATIONS FOR EXCEPTIONS TO DIVISION RULES AND REGULATIONS WHICH REQUIRE PROCESSING AT THE DIVISION LEVEL IN SANTA FE **Application Acronyms:** [NSL-Non-Standard Location] [NSP-Non-Standard Proration Unit] [SD-Simultaneous Dedication] [DHC-Downhole Commingling] [CTB-Lease Commingling] [PLC-Pool/Lease Commingling] [PC-Pool Commingling] [OLS - Off-Lease Storage] [OLM-Off-Lease Measurement] [WFX-Waterflood Expansion] [PMX-Pressure Maintenance Expansion] [SWD-Salt Water Disposal] [IPI-Injection Pressure Increase] [EOR-Qualified Enhanced Oil Recovery Certification] [PPR-Positive Production Response] [1] TYPE OF APPLICATION - Check Those Which Apply for [A] Location - Spacing Unit - Simultaneous Dedication

NSL NSP SD [A] Check One Only for [B] or [C] Commingling - Storage - Measurement ☐ DHC ☐ CTB ☐ PLC ☐ PC ☐ OLS ☐ OLM [C] Injection - Disposal - Pressure Increase - Enhanced Oil Recovery □ WFX □ PMX □ SWD □ IPI □ EOR □ PPR [D] Other: Specify NOTIFICATION REQUIRED TO: - Check Those Which Apply for Does Not Appl [2] Working, Royalty or Overriding Royalty Interest Owners [B] Offset Operators, Leaseholders or Surface Owner [C] Application is One Which Requires Published Legal Notice [D] Notification and/or Concurrent Approval by BLM or SLO U.S. Bureau of Land Management - Commissioner of Public Lands, State Land Office [E] For all of the above, Proof of Notification or Publication is Attached, and/or, [F] Waivers are Attached [3] SUBMIT ACCURATE AND COMPLETE INFORMATION REQUIRED TO PROCESS THE TYPE OF APPLICATION INDICATED ABOVE. [4] **CERTIFICATION:** I hereby certify that the information submitted with this application for administrative approval is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that no action will be taken on this application until the required information and notifications are submitted to the Division. Note: Statement must be completed by an individual with managerial and/or supervisory capacity. Ocean Munds-Dry Attorney Print or Type Name Title omundsdry@hollandhart.com e-mail Address



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## **HAND-DELIVERED**

Mark E. Fesmire, P.E. Director Oil Conservation Division New Mexico Department of Energy. Minerals and Natural Resources 1220 South Saint Francis Drive Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for Administrative Approval of an Re: Unorthodox Well Location for its Reba State Unit Well No. 5 located 2300 feet from the South line and 1650 feet from the West line of Section 32, Township 11 South, Range 35 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Fesmire:

APIM. 30-025-31243 formerly Kern-Mille Pursuant to the provisions of Division Rule 104 F (2), Yates Petroleum Corporation ("Yates") hereby seeks administrative approval of an unorthodox well location for its Rreba State Unit Well No. 5 located 2300 feet from the South line and 1650 feet from the West line of Section 32, Township 11 South, Range 35 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico. The S/2 of Section 32 will be dedicated to the well.

This location is unorthodox because it is governed by the Division's statewide rules which provide for wells on 320-acre spacing to be located no closer than 660 feet to the outer boundary of the quarter section and no closer than 10 feet to any quarter-quarter section line or subdivision inner boundary. The proposed location is unorthodox because it is only 340 feet from the northern boundary of the spacing unit.

This well was originally drilled by Kerr McGee this well as a Devonian test. As discussed by Mr. Amiet in Exhibit A, Yates would like to test several prospective Atoka zones. Exhibit B shows the location of the proposed well. Exhibit C is a Cross Section A-A' which shows the pay zones in yellow.

Attached hereto as **Exhibit D** is a plat as required by Rule 104.F (3). Yates is the operator of the Reba State Unit and is therefore also the offset operator towards which the well is encroaching and holds 100% of the working interest in Section 32. Therefore, there are no affected parties as defined by Rule 1210(A)(2) and no notice is required.



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The proposed location is the most efficient and reasonable way to develop these potential reserves and would be in the best interest of conservation and the prevention of waste.

Your attention to this application is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Ocean Munds-Dry

ATTORNEY FOR YATES PETROLEUM

CORPORATION

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Robert Bullock

## REQUEST FOR LOCATION EXCEPTION – REBA STATE UNIT #5

Yates Petroleum Corporation is requesting a location exception for the Reba State Unit #5 re-entry well. The re-entry candidate was originally drilled by Kerr McGee in 1991. The re-entry location is 1650' FWL and 2300' FSL of section 32, T11S R35E. The geologic targets for the Reba #5 well are several bypassed lower Atoka sands from 12,000' to 12080'.

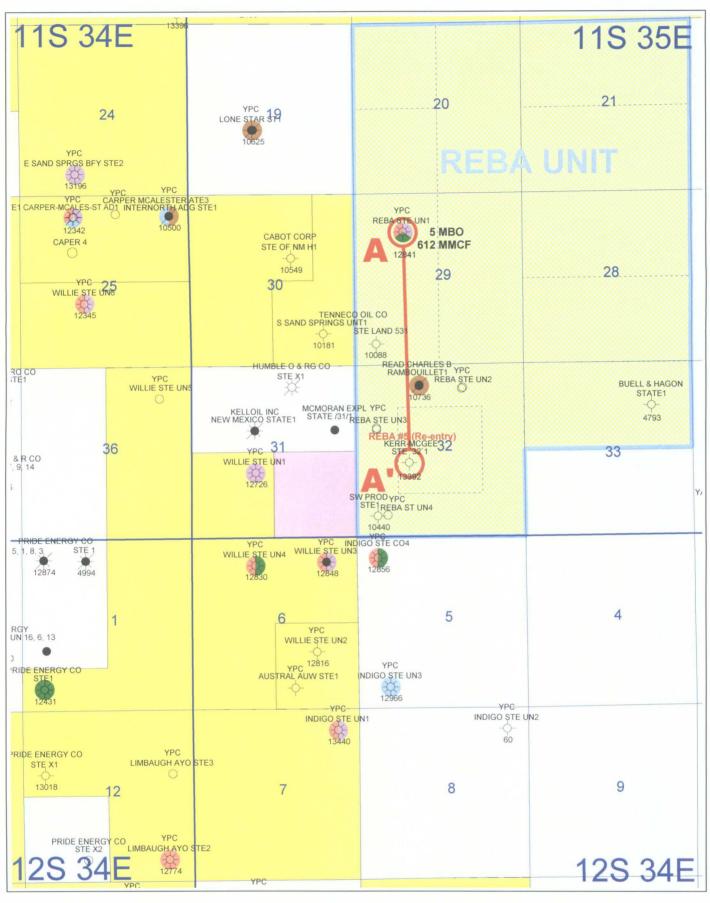
The attached map shows the location of the Reba # 1 and the Reba # 5 re-entry. The productive lower Atoka wells are colored red. The Reba well has a cumulative production of 5 MBO and 612 MMCF thru June with the majority of the production coming from the lower Atoka. Cross section A-A' shows the pay zones (highlighted in yellow) of the Reba # 1 well compared to the re-entry well. The Reba # 5 (re-entry) has a thicker pay zone and should have better production than the Reba # 1.

Yates has a 100% interest in section 32 and the proposed re-entry will not encroach on any other lease holders. The estimated re-entry and completion costs for the Reba St. Unit #5 well are \$1,583,00. Re-entering the existing wellbore will save approximately \$1,400,000 over the cost to drill a new well. There is risk since the original Kerr McGee well tested water on a DST, but the well is updip from the productive Reba #1 well. This proposed re-entry is the most efficient and economic way to develop these potential reserves, and would be in the best interest of conservation and the prevention of waste for the State of New Mexico and Yates Petroleum. Yates has been very active in this area and has already drilled one well in the Reba State Unit. If the Reba re-entry is successful, Yates has several more locations staked.

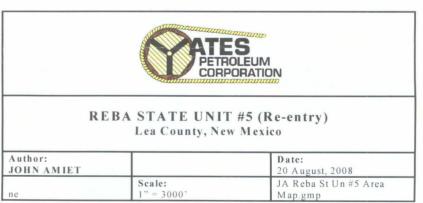
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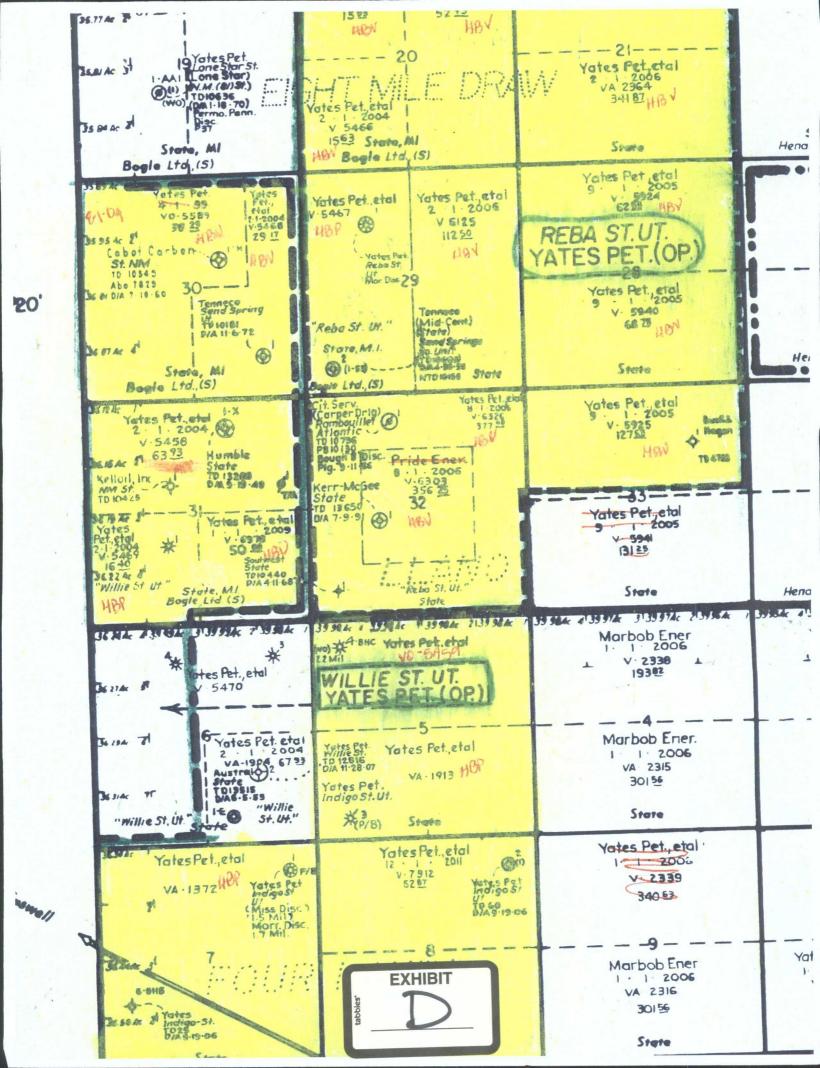














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