#### STATE OF NEW MEXICO

# ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY
THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE
PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

APPLICATION OF YATES PETROLEUM
CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF A UNIT
AGREEMENT, CHAVES COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

APPLICATION OF YATES PETROLEUM
CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF A UNIT
AGREEMENT, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

(Consolidated)

# REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

## **EXAMINER HEARING**

ORIGINAL

BEFORE: WILLIAM V. JONES, JR., Hearing Examiner

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September 2nd, 2004

Santa Fe, New Mexico

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This matter came on for hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, WILLIAM V. JONES, JR., Hearing Examiner, on Thursday, September 2nd, 2004, at the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources

Department, 1220 South Saint Francis Drive, Room 102, Santa Fe, New Mexico, Steven T. Brenner, Certified Court Reporter No. 7 for the State of New Mexico.

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## EXHIBITS

| Applicant's         | Identified | Admitted |
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| Case 13,33<br>Exhib | 3          | . 4      |
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## APPEARANCES

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WHEREUPON, the following proceedings were had at 9:02 a.m.:

EXAMINER JONES: Okay, let's call Case 13,332 and Case 13,333 at this time. They're both the Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for approval of a unit agreement, Chaves County for the first one and Lea County for the second one.

Call for appearances.

MR. FELDEWERT: Mr. Examiner, Michael Feldewert with the Santa Fe office of the law firm of Holland and Hart, appearing on behalf of the Applicant, Yates Petroleum Corporation, in both cases. I have no witnesses today, as we are presenting both matters by affidavit.

EXAMINER JONES: Any other appearances?

I guess we scared off all the Yates witnesses this morning.

MR. FELDEWERT: Both of these -- in Case 13,332

Yates has submitted the affidavit of Tim Miller, with the attachments in which they're seeking approval of the Boffin State Exploratory Unit, and in Case 13,333 Yates has submitted as its exhibit the affidavit of John Amiet, in which he explains the basis for seeking approval of the Orbison State Exploratory Unit.

Basically the presentation of both cases are identical. If you have any questions, I'd be happy to

| 1  | answer them.  |
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| 2  | EXAMINER JONES: Okay, these are all both Exhibit            |
| 3  | Number 1?   |
| 4  | MR. FELDEWERT: In each case, yes.                           |
| 5  | EXAMINER JONES: In each case. I think the                   |
| 6  | structure map is there on the 13,332                        |
| 7  | MR. FELDEWERT: Yeah, in each case we have the               |
| 8  | preliminary approval letter from the New Mexico State Land  |
| 9  | Office, in each case all of the working interest owners     |
| 10 | have signed off on the unit agreement                       |
| 11 | EXAMINER JONES: Okay.                                       |
| 12 | MR. FELDEWERT: and in each case we have                     |
| 13 | submitted not only an isopach map but also a cross-section. |
| 14 | And in each case as well, the last exhibit,                 |
| 15 | Exhibit or, I'm sorry, Attachment G to each of these        |
| 16 | affidavits contains a summary of the geologic reasons       |
| 17 | supporting this Application.                                |
| 18 | EXAMINER JONES: And both of these are 100-                  |
| 19 | percent State Land Office leases?                           |
| 20 | MR. FELDEWERT: Yes.   |
| 21 | EXAMINER JONES: Okay, I have no more questions.             |
| 22 | Let's admit into evidence Exhibit Number 1 for Case 13,332  |
| 23 | and Exhibit Number 1 for Case 13,333.                       |
| 24 | And let's take Case 13,332 under advisement and             |
| 25 | Case 13,333 under advisement.                               |

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MR. FELDEWERT:
                                 Thank you, Mr. Examiner.
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                EXAMINER JONES:
                                  Okay, thank you.
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                (Thereupon, these proceedings were concluded at
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     9:04 a.m.)
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#### CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

STATE OF NEW MEXICO )
) ss.
COUNTY OF SANTA FE )

I, Steven T. Brenner, Certified Court Reporter and Notary Public, HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing transcript of proceedings before the Oil Conservation Division was reported by me; that I transcribed my notes; and that the foregoing is a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am not a relative or employee of any of the parties or attorneys involved in this matter and that I have no personal interest in the final disposition of this matter.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL September 3rd, 2004.

STEVEN T. BRENNER

CCR No. 7

My commission expires: October 16th, 2006