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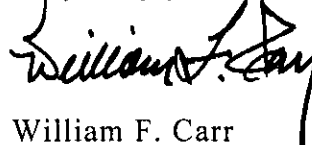
**Re: Oil Conservation Division Case No. 12811
John A. Yates, Jr.**

Dear Mr. Brooks:

Following our conversation of this date, I contacted Mr. Dan Lewis concerning the request of John A. Yates to have the above-referenced case reopened and Mr. Yates' payment under protest of the \$4000 fine assessed in this matter.

Mr. Lewis has authorized me to receive Mr. Yates Check No. 11975. It is my understanding that nothing further is required from Mr. Yates for this case to be reopened for additional hearing. It is also my understanding that no interest or penalty will be incurred on the amount of this fine pending a final resolution of this matter. If these understandings are incorrect, please advise.

Very truly yours,



William F. Carr

cc: Mr. Dan Lewis