

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**

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

**CASE NO. 13644**

**APPLICATION OF YATES PETROLEUM  
CORPORATION FOR COMPULSORY POOLING,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

**PRE-HEARING STATEMENT**

This Pre-Hearing Statement is submitted by Holland & Hart LLP as required by the Oil Conservation Division.

**APPEARANCES OF PARTIES**

**APPLICANT**

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**STATEMENT OF CASE**

**APPLICANT**

Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Mississippian formation in the following described spacing and proration units located in the S/2 of Section 6, Township 13 South, Range 35 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico: the S/2 for all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing; the SE/4 for all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing

which includes but is not necessarily limited to the East Ranger Lake Devonian Gas Pool and the East Ranger Lake-Atoka Gas Pool; and the NE/4 SE/4 for all formations and/or pools developed on 40-acre spacing which includes but is not limited to the Undesignated East Ranger Lake-Cisco Pool. Said units are to be dedicated to its Messina "BHN" State Com Well No. 1 to be drilled at a standard gas well location 1980 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the East line (Unit I) of said Section 6. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of Yates Petroleum Corporation as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located approximately 3 miles east of Lovington, New Mexico.

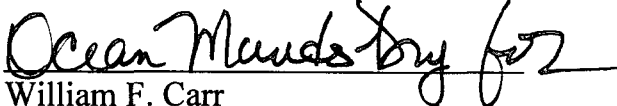
### **PROPOSED EVIDENCE**

#### **APPLICANT**

<b>WITNESSES (Name and Expertise)</b>	<b>ESTIMATED TIME</b>	<b>EXHIBITS</b>
John Amiet (Petroleum Geologist)	Approx. 20 Minutes	Approx. 8

### **PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

Yates Petroleum Corporation has none at this time.

  
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