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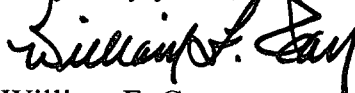
Oil Conservation Division

**Re: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for approval of a
unit agreement, Lea County, New Mexico.**

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery,:

Enclosed in triplicate is the Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation in the above-referenced case as well as a copy of the legal advertisement. Yates Petroleum Corporation requests that this matter be placed on the April 24, 2003 Examiner Hearing docket.

Very truly yours,



William F. Carr

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Robert Bullock
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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES
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**APPLICATION OF YATES PETROLEUM
CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL
OF A UNIT AGREEMENT,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

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CASE NO. 00 Conservation Division

APPLICATION

YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION ("Yates"), through its undersigned attorneys, hereby makes application for an order approving its Strait State Exploratory Unit and in support of this application states:

1. The proposed Unit Area consists of 3840.00 acres, more or less, of State of New Mexico lands, situated in Lea County, New Mexico. The horizontal limits of said unit are described as follows:

Township 10 South, Range 34 East, N.M.P.M.

Sections 20 and 21: All
Sections 28 and 29: All
Sections 32 and 33: All

2. The Unit Agreement has been approved by a sufficient percentage of the interest owners within the proposed Unit Area to provide effective control of unit operations.

3. The Applicant, Yates Petroleum Corporation, is designated as Unit Operator in said Unit Agreement and all oil and gas in the all formations are unitized.

4. The proposed Unit Area covers all, or substantially all, of the geological structures or anomaly involved.

5. Said Unit Agreement and the unitized operation and management of the Unit Area will be in the interest of conservation and the prevention of waste, and that it will protect the correlative rights of all parties concerned.

WHEREFORE, Yates Petroleum Corporation requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on April 24, 2003, that notice be given as required by law and the rules of the Division, and that the Strait State Exploratory Unit be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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