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1220 S. St. Francis Drive
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Re: Pre-Hearing Statement for Case No. 13197

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

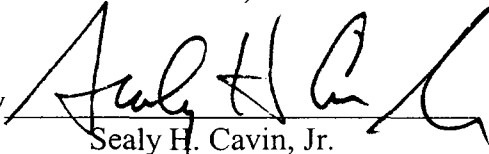
On behalf of Robert E. and Marilia L. Harmon, Trustees of Harmon Trust, I am enclosing triplicate originals of the Pre-Hearing Statement to be filed in connection with the above-referenced case scheduled for public hearing before a Division Examiner on the docket for December 18, 2003.

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Very truly yours,

CAVIN & INGRAM, P.A.

By


Sealy H. Cavin, Jr.

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Enclosures

cc w/enc: Michael H. Feldewert

STATE OF NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL
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IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION
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APPLICATION OF YATES PETROLEUM
CORPORATION FOR COMPULSORY
POOLING AND APPROVAL OF AN
UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

CASE NO. 13197

PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

This pre-hearing statement is submitted by Robert E. and Marilia L. Harmon, Trustees of the Harmon Trust ("Harmon Trust") as required by the Oil Conservation Division.

APPEARANCES OF PARTIES

APPLICANT

Yates Petroleum Corporation
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OPPOSITION OR OTHER PARTY:

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STATEMENT OF THE CASE

APPLICANT:

Applicant, Yates Petroleum Corporation, seeks to pool mineral interests in the W/2 of Section 12, Township 15 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, and approval of an unorthodox gas well location, all regarding the Reed AXV Com Well #1.

OPPOSITION OR OTHER PARTY:

The Harmon Trust is a mineral interest owner whose interest is affected by Yates' application.

PROPOSED EVIDENCE

APPLICANT:

Witness

Estimated Time

Exhibits

To be identified by applicant.

OPPOSITION:

Witness

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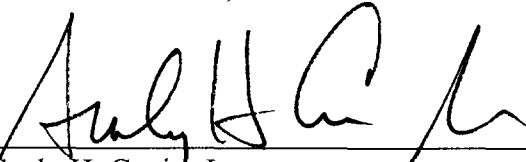
None at this time.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

The Harmon Trust is not aware of any procedural matters which need to be addressed prior to the hearing.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION
FOR COMPULSORY POOLING AND APPROVAL
OF AN UNORTHODOX WELL LOCATION,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

Oil Conservation Division
1220 S. St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, NM 87505
CASE NO. 13197

APPLICANT'S PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

Applicant hereby submits this Pre-Hearing Statement as required by the rules of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division.

APPEARANCES

APPLICANT

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APPLICANT'S STATEMENT OF CASE

Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in all formations from the surface to the base of the Mississippian in the following described spacing and proration units located in Section 12, Township 15 South, Range 34 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico:

- The W/2 for all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing which includes but is not necessarily limited to the North Eidson Morrow Pool;
- The SW/4 for all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing;
- The N/2 SW/4 for all formations and/or pools developed on 80-acre spacing; and
- The NE/4 SW/4 (Unit K) for all formations and/or pools developed on 40-acre spacing.

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Said units are to be dedicated to the Reed AXV Com. Well No. 1, which is an existing Wolfcamp oil well at an unorthodox gas well location 1870 feet from the South line and 2080 feet from the West line (Unit K) of said Section 12. Yates seeks to re-enter and deepen this existing oil well to an approximate depth of 13,400 feet in order to test the Austin Cycle, Morrow and Atoka formations. In addition to the approval of this unorthodox gas well location, Yates Petroleum Corporation seeks to be designated operator of the well and requests that the Division impose a 200% risk penalty against the non-consenting interest owners pursuant to Division Rule 19.15.1.35. Said area is located approximately 10 miles northeast of Lovington, New Mexico.

APPLICANT'S PROPOSED EVIDENCE


WITNESS (Name and Expertise)	ESTIMATED TIME	EXHIBITS
Robert Bullock, Landman	Approx. 10 minutes	Approx. 6
John Amiet, Geologist	Approx. 10 minutes	Approx. 2

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

None.

Respectfully submitted,

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