

**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:**

ms.

CASE NO. 12955

**APPLICATION OF THE NEW MEXICO OIL
CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR AN ORDER
REQUIRING YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION
TO BRING NINETY (90) WELLS INTO COMPLIANCE
WITH RULE 201.B, AND ASSESSING APPROPRIATE
CIVIL PENALTIES; LEA, ROOSEVELT, CHAVES AND
EDDY COUNTIES, NEW MEXICO.**

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PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

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

APPEARANCES OF PARTIES

OPPOSITION

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STATEMENT OF CASE

APPLICANT

Applicant seeks an order requiring Yates Petroleum Corporation to bring 90 inactive wells located in Lea, Roosevelt, Chaves and Eddy Counties, New Mexico, into compliance with OCD Rule 201.B by either restoring said wells to production or beneficial use, plugging and abandoning said wells or securing Division approval for temporary abandonment thereof, and seeks civil penalties.

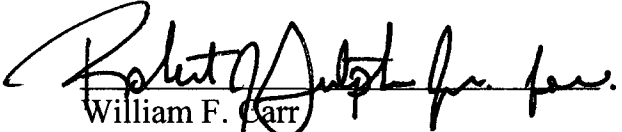
PROPOSED EVIDENCE

OPPOSITION

<u>WITNESSES</u> (Name and Expertise)	<u>ESTIMATED TIME</u>	<u>EXHIBITS</u>
Frank Yates (may call)	Approx. 10 Minutes	Approx. 3

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Yates Petroleum Corporation has none at this time.


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