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ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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

Oil Conservation Division
1220 S. St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, NM 87505

CASE NO. 13221

APPLICATION OF YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION
FOR APPROVAL OF A UNIT AGREEMENT, 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 seeks approval of the Atoka Bank State Exploratory Unit for an area comprising 1280.00 acres of State of New Mexico lands in Sections 8 and 17, Township 24 South, Range 33 East, which is located approximately 40 miles east of the Eddy/Lea County line on Highway 128.

PROPOSED EVIDENCE

APPLICANT

WITNESSES
(Name and Expertise)

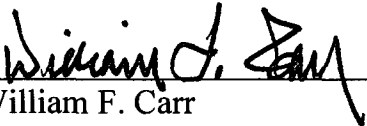
ESTIMATED TIME

EXHIBITS

BY AFFIDAVIT

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Yates Petroleum Corporation will present this case by Affidavit.



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