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

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Oil Conservation Division CASE NO. 13037

APPLICATION OF YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF UNIT AGREEMENT, CHAVES 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

Yates Petroleum Corporation Attn: Mr. Randy Patterson 105 South Fourth Street Artesia, New Mexico 88210-2118 (505) 748.1471

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STATEMENT OF CASE

APPLICANT

Applicant seeks approval of the BiPlane Exploratory Unit for an area comprising 2170.72 acres of State of New Mexico, Federal and Fee lands in Sections 3, 4, 9, 10 15, and 16, of Township 6 South, Range 27 East, which is located approximately 3 miles west of Doughtery, New Mexico.

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PROPOSED EVIDENCE

APPLICANT

WITNESSES (Name and Expertise)	ESTIMATED TIME	EXHIBITS
Chuck Moran (Land)	Approx. 15 Minutes	Approx 6
Tim Miller (Geology)	Approx. 15 Minutes	Approx. 3

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Yates Petroleum Corporation has none at this time.

WW William F. Carr Attorney for Yates Petroleum Corporation

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