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RE: Request for continuance in OCC Case Nos. 11525 and 11526

Dear Mr. Carr:

Your August 27, 1996 request for continuance of the September 18 hearing in the above-referenced cases is hereby <u>denied</u>. The stay requested by Yates in these cases, which was granted, was issued based upon a hearing being held on September 18, 1996.

Please note the following:

- The James Ranch Unit case on the Examiner docket for September 19 will be continued indefinitely by the Division pending review by the BLM.
- The Division hearing scheduled for September 19 will be postponed one week and will be held on September 26.
  - The Read & Stevens case will be heard first on the September 18th OCC docket.
- Commissioner Weiss is unavailable in October and the other Commissioners also have scheduling problems which has resulted in September 18th being the only near-term hearing date that could be set.

Very truly yours,

William J. LeMay, Chairman

New Mexico Oil conservation Commission

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