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December 2, 1996

Mr. Michael E. Stogner
Chief Hearing Examiner
Oil Conservation Division
2040 South Pacheco
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

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Re: *NMOCD Case 11666:*
InterCoast Oil & Gas Company
Application for Compulsory Pooling,
and an Unorthodox Well Location
Eddy County, New Mexico

NMOCD Case 11677:
Yates Petroleum Corporation
Application for Compulsory Pooling,
and an Unorthodox Well Location
Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Stogner:

The two referenced cases are competing pooling cases which currently appear on dockets for two different hearing dates. So that this dispute can be heard at a single hearing rather than at two different hearings, Yates requests that you continue the InterCoast case from the December 5, 1996 docket to the December 19, 1996 docket so it can be consolidated for hearing with the Yates case.

I have requested concurrence of opposing counsel to this request and he indicated he would defer to your judgment on this matter. We would appreciate it if you could find time today to address this request so that we can advise witnesses concerning travel plans and hearing preparation.

Very truly yours,

W. Thomas Kellahin

cc: James Bruce, Esq.
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cc: Yates Petroleum Corporation
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