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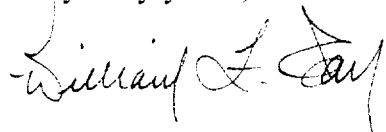
Re: Oil Conservation Division Case No. 11714:
Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for Compulsory Pooling, Lea
County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. LeMay:

Yates Petroleum Corporation, applicant in the above-captioned case, respectfully requests that the above-referenced case which is currently set on the May 1, 1997 Division docket be dismissed.

Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



WILLIAM F. CARR

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cc: Ms Mecca Mauritsen