

EXHIBIT A

Amerind Oil Co., Ltd.
Attn: Bob Leibrock
415 W. Wall Street, Suite 500
Midland, TX 79701-4467

UMC Petroleum Corporation
Attn: Joe Gavlick
410 17th Street, Suite 1400
Denver, CO 80202

**BEFORE THE
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Case No. 11739 Exhibit No. 4

Submitted by: Yates Petroleum Corporation

Hearing Date: April 3, 1997

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Re: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for Compulsory Pooling and a Non-Standard Spacing and Proration Unit, Lea County, New Mexico

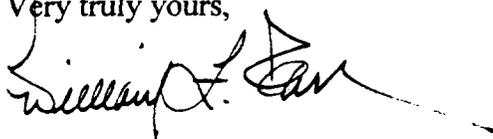
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Very truly yours,



WILLIAM F. CARR
ATTORNEY FOR YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION

WFC:mlh

Enc.

cc: Robert Bullock

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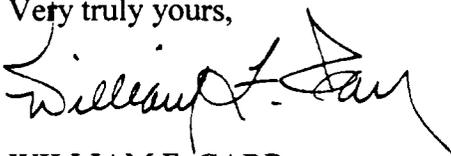
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