

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION
FOR RESCISSION OF ADMINISTRATIVE
ORDER NO. SWD-657 PERTAINING TO
THE APPLICATION OF MANZANO OIL
CORPORATION FOR A SALT WATER
DISPOSAL WELL,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE 11900

AFFIDAVIT OF MECCA MAURITSEN

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
) ss.
COUNTY EDDY)

Mecca Mauritsen, being first duly sworn on oath, states as follows:

1. My name is Mecca Mauritsen. I reside in Artesia, New Mexico. I was a landman for Yates Petroleum Corporation ("Yates") during March, April and May, 1997.

2. On March 25, 1997, I discussed the objection of Yates to the application of Manzano Oil Corporation to convert to salt water disposal the State "22" Well No. 1 located 2310 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the East line (Unit I) of Section 22, Township 10 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, with Campbell, Berge and Sheridan, P. A. ("the Campbell firm") and retained them to represent Yates before the Oil Conservation Division in this case. On that date, I was advised by the Campbell firm that they had contacted the Division concerning this application and no application for conversion of the State "22" Well No. 1 to disposal had been filed by Manzano. They agreed to watch future Division Examiner hearing dockets for any hearing on this application.

3. On May 5, 1997, I called Mr. Ken Barbe at Manzano and advised him that Yates preferred that Manzano not attempt to convert the State "22" Well No. 1 to salt water disposal. Mr. Barbe said he would review this matter and decide what they were going to do.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

Mecca Mauritsen
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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN before me on this 12th day of November, 1997 by
Mecca Mauritsen.

Barbara Nelson
Notary Public

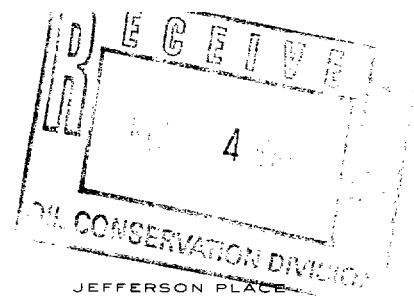
My Commission Expires:

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Re: *Application for Hearing on Manzano Oil Corporation's State "22" Well No. 1 Disposal Well Application and for an Order Rescinding Administrative Order No. SWD-657*

Dear Mr. LeMay:

On behalf of Yates Petroleum Corporation, enclosed for filing is Yates' application for hearing on Manzano Oil Corporation's State "22" Well No. 1. Also enclosed is a proposed legal advertisement. Yates requests that this application be scheduled for hearing on December 18, 1997.

I am providing a copy of this application to Manzano Oil Corporation.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM F. CARR

WFC:mlh

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Ken Barbe
Manzano Oil Corporation

Mr. David Boneau
Yates Petroleum Corporation