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David Catanach
Oil Conservation Division
2040 South Pacheco Street
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: UMC/Yates Compulsory Pooling Cases

Dear Mr. Catanach:

UMC Petroleum Corporation requests a four week continuance of the above cases. As you may know, a UMC well in Section 10, T-16-S, R-35-E, adjoining the lands at issue in these cases, blew out last week. UMC personnel, including several persons who were to be at the hearing on UMC's behalf are extremely busy dealing with that situation, and have insufficient time to prepare for the hearing. Therefore, UMC requests a continuance. I have spoken with Mr. Carr about the continuance, but have not received a response yet.

Very truly yours,


James Bruce

Attorney for UMC
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c: William F. Carr, Attorney for Yates
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