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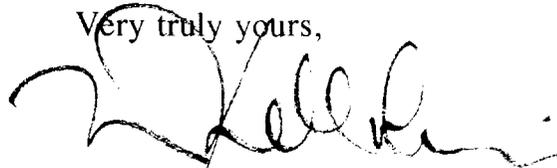
Ms. Lori Wrotenbery, Director  
Oil Conservation Division  
2040 South Pacheco  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: NMOCD Case 11971  
Application of Yates Energy Corporation  
for an unorthodox gas well location,  
non-standard proration unit and simultaneous dedication.  
Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

On behalf of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C., an adversely affected interest owner, please find enclosed our Entry of Appearance in opposition to the applicant in the referenced case which is currently set for an Examiner's hearing on April 30, 1998.

Very truly yours,



W. Thomas Kellahin

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Nearburg Exploration, L.L.C.  
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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION  
OF YATES ENERGY CORPORATION FOR  
AN UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION,  
SIMULTANEOUS DEDICATION AND A NON-  
STANDARD GAS PRORATION AND SPACING UNIT  
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

CASE NO. 11971

ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Comes now Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C., by its attorneys, Kellahin and Kellahin, and enters its appearance in this case as an interested party in opposition to the applicant.



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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I certify that a copy of this pleading was transmitted by facsimile to counsel for applicant this 22nd day of April, 1998.



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