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Ms. Lori Wrotenbery, Director
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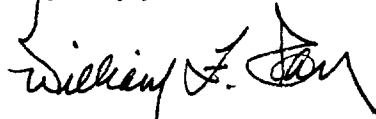
Re: ***Oil Conservation Division Case 12037:
Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for Pool Contraction, Pool Extension
and Special Pool Rules, or in the alternative, Simultaneous Dedication, Lea
County, New Mexico***

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery,

Yates Petroleum Corporation hereby requests that the above referenced case which is currently set on the Division's January 7, 1999 hearing docket be continued to the January 21, 1999 Examiner hearing docket.

Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



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