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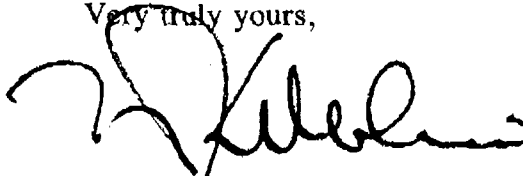
Mr. Mark Ashley
Oil Conservation Division
2040 South Pacheco
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: NMOCD Case 12062
Application of Chesapeake Operating, Inc.
for Compulsory Pooling, (Boyce "15" Well No. 1)
E/2 Section 15, T16S, R35E
Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Ashley:

This morning, I was notified by Mr. Carr on behalf of Yates Petroleum Corporation that it intended to oppose the Chesapeake location. Accordingly, we would like additional time to prepare for a contested case and request that this matter be continued to your next docket now scheduled for November 19, 1998. Mr. Carr has concurred in this request.

Very truly yours,



W. Thomas Kellahin

cfx: Chesapeake Operating, Inc.
Attn: Linda Townsend
cfx: William F. Carr, Esq.
Attorney for Yates and Ameristate Oil & Gas, Inc.