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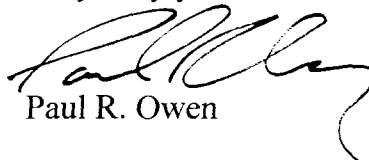
Re: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for an unorthodox well location,
Lea County, New Mexico.

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

Enclosed in triplicate is the application of Yates Petroleum Corporation in the above-referenced case and a proposed legal advertisement for this case. Yates Petroleum Corporation requests that this matter be set for hearing before a Division Examiner on March 2, 2000.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please advise.

Very truly yours,


Paul R. Owen

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Doug W. Hurlbut (w/enclosures)

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