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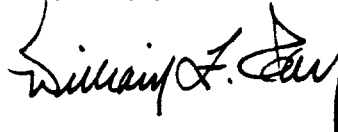
***RE: In the Matter of the Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for an
Unorthodox Well Location, Eddy County, New Mexico***

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery,

Yates Petroleum Corporation hereby respectfully requests that the Examiner Hearing in the above-referenced case which is currently scheduled for October 19th, 2000 be continued to the November 16th, 2000 Examiner Hearing Docket.

Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



William F. Carr

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cc: Dave Pearson