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September 6, 2001

Lori Wrotenbery Oil Conservation Commission 1220 South St. Francis Drive Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: Case Nos. (12535/ 12567, 12569, and 12590 de novo (Ocean Energy Resources, Inc./Yates Petroleum Corporation)

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

My client reductantly agrees to the continuance requested by Yates in the above cases.

Very truly yours,

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Attorney for Ocean Energy Resources, Inc.

cc: William F. Carr

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Lori Wrotenbery, Director
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New Mexico Energy, Minerals and
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Re: Hearing De Novo

<u>Case No. 12590</u> - Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for compulsory pooling and a non-standard oil and gas spacing and proration unit, Lea County, New Mexico

<u>Case No. 12569</u> - Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for compulsory pooling and a non-standard oil and gas spacing and proration unit, Lea County, New Mexico

<u>Case No. 12567</u> - Application of Ocean Energy Resources, Inc. for compulsory pooling and four non-standard oil and gas spacing and proration units, Lea County, New Mexico

Case No. 12535 Application of Ocean Energy Resources, Inc. for compulsory pooling and four non-standard oil and gas spacing and proration units, Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

Yates Petroleum Corporation respectfully requests that the above-referenced cases be continued to the October Commission Hearing docket. For health reasons, I will be unable to present the case for Yates on September 14th.

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Ocean Energy Resources, Inc. will not prejudiced by this request since by letter dated July 24, 2001, you granted Ocean's request to suspend the drilling of a well until such time as the above matters are heard by the Commission.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Very truly yours,

William F. Carr

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Enclosures

cc: James Bruce, attorney for Ocean Energy Resources, Inc. (via facsimile)
Randy Patterson, Yates Petroleum Corporation