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HAND DELIVERED

Ms. Lori Wrotenbery, Director
Oil Conservation Division
New Mexico Energy, Minerals and
Natural Resources Department
1220 South St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

Re: **Case No. 12567:** 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

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

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

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

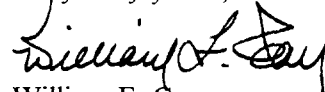
Yates Petroleum Corporation hereby requests that the Hearing *De Novo* in the above-referenced cases which are currently scheduled for May 25, 2001 be continued to the June Commission Hearing.

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Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



William F. Carr

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cc: Jim Bruce, Esq.

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