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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/Yates Petroleum)

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

Ocean Energy's geophysicist is unavailable for the May 25th hearing. As a result, it requests that the above cases be continued to the June Commission docket. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,



James Bruce

Attorney for Ocean Energy Resources, Inc.

cc: William F. Carr