STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

OIL CURBANATION DIV.

APPLICATION OF OCEAN ENERGY RESOURCES, INC.
FOR COMPULSORY POOLING AND FOUR NONSTANDARD 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. 12567

APPLICATION OF YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, AND THREE NON-STANDARD OIL AND GAS SPACING AND PRORATION UNITS, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO. 12569

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PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

This Prehearing Statement is submitted on behalf of David H. Arrington Oil & Gas, Inc. by Holland & Hart LLP and Campbell & Carr as required by the Oil Conservation Division.

APPEARANCES OF PARTIES

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STATEMENT OF CASE

APPLICANTS

Each of the applicants in the above-captioned cases seek an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Mississippian formation in certain spacing and proration units located in the N/2 equivalent of Irregular Section 3, Township 16 South, Range 35 East. Said units are to be dedicated to a well to be drilled to a depth sufficient to test all formations from the surface to the base of the Mississippian formation. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located approximately 6 miles west-northwest of Lovington, New Mexico.

OTHER PARTY

David H. Arrington Oil & Gas, Inc. will present testimony concerning the risk associated with the drilling of a well on the subject acreage and the circumstances where pooled parties should be afforded an opportunity to voluntarily participate in any efforts to drill and complete a well on the spacing units pooled by the order in this case.

PROPOSED EVIDENCE

APPLICANT

WITNESSES (Name and expertise)

ESTIMATED TIME

EXHIBITS

Bill Baker (Geologist)

5 Minutes

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PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Yates Petroleum Corporation will request the cases be consolidated for the purpose of hearing.

William F. Carr

Attorney for YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that on this 6th day of February, 2001, I have caused to be delivered by facsimile a copy of our Pre-Hearing Statement in the above-captioned cases to the following counsel of record:

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