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January 24, 2001

Lynn H. Slade Modrall, Sperling, Roehl, Harris & Sisk, P.A. Bank of America Centre, Ste. 1000 500 Fourth Street N.W. Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103-2168

RE: Mr. Bryan Solsbery and Mr. Dean Solsbery, Jr. <u>Township 8 South, Range 26 East, NMPM</u> Section 3: NE/4 Chaves County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Slade:

It is our understanding that your clients at some point may become the owners of a partial/full interest in the minerals formally owned by Dean Solsbery. Yates Petroleum Corporation currently has two producing wells on this property and would like to offer to acquire a protective oil and gas lease from your clients. In as much, you may not be victorious in your court case, we are willing to offer \$5.00 per net acre bonus consideration, ten-year term providing for a 1/4 royalty. This offer is valid for twenty (20) days from letterhead date and will expire on its own terms.

Enclosed are two (2) Paid-up Oil and Gas Leases for each prospective owner. If the above meets with their approval, please have them execute below and the Oil & Gas Lease before a Notary Public and return one (1) copy of each lease back to me. Upon receipt, two checks in the amount of \$18.75 each will be forwarded to you. If you have any questions, please call me at (505) 748-4349. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION

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AGREED AND ACCEPTED THIS	DAY OF	, 2001.
Bryan Solsbery	Dean Solsbery, Jr.	
By:	By:	
Spouse Name:	Spouse Name:	
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New Mexico Oil Conservation Division **YATES PETROLEUM CORP.** Case No. 12683 - 07/12/01 Examiner Catanach or Brooks **EXHIBIT NO. 7**

Ten (TWE YEAR PAID UP LEASE) OIL AND GAS LEASE

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THIS AGREEMENT made this	23rd	day of	January			, 2001	_ between
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(\$10.00) in hand paid, of the royalt	ies herein provided and of	the agreements of Les	see herein cont	ained, hereby grants, leases	and lets exclusively unto	Lessee for
the purpose of investigating, explori	ng, prospecting, drilling and minin	g for and producing oil ar	nd gas, laying pipe line	s, building road	s, tanks, power stations, te	elephone lines and other	r structures
thereon and on, over and across land		-				•	employees,
the following described land in	Chaves		County,	New Me	xico		, to wit:
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2. Without reference to the commencement, prosecution or cessation at any time of drilling or other development operations and/or to the discovery, development or cessation at any time of production of oil or gas and without further payments than the royalties herein provided, and notwithstanding anything else herein contained to the contrary, this lease shall be for a term of-five years from this date (called "primary term") and as long thereafter as oil or gas is produced from said land or land with which said land is pooled hereunder.

3. The royalties to be paid by Lessee are: (a) on oil, $\frac{1/4}{}$ of that produced and saved from said land, the same to be delivered at the wells or to the credit of Lessor into the pipe line to which the wells may be connected; Lessee may from time to time purchase any royalty oil in its possession, paying the market price therefor prevailing for the field where produced on the date of purchase; (b) on gas, including casinghead gas or other gaseous substance, produced from said land, and sold, or used off the premises or for the extraction of gasoline or other product thereform, the market value at the well of $\frac{1/4}{4}$ of the gas so sold or used, provided that on gas sold at the wells the royalty shall be $\frac{1/4}{4}$ of the amount realized from such sale; while there is a gas well on this lease or on acreage pooled therewith but gas is not being sold or used. Lessee may pay or tender as royalty, on or before ninety (90) days after the date on which said well is shut in and thereafter at annual intervals the sum of \$1.00 per acre, and if such payment is made or tendered, this lease shall not terminate and it will be considered that gas is being produced from this lease in paying quantities. Payment or tender of said shut-in gas royalty may be made by check or draft of Lessee mailed or delivered to the parties entitled thereto on or before the date said payment is due. Lessee shall have free use of oil, gas, coal and water from said land, except water from Lessor's wells, for all operations hereunder, and the royalty on oil and gas shall be computed after deducting any so used.

4. Lesse, at its option, is hereby given the right and power to pool or combine the acreage covered by this lesse, or any portion thereof as to oil and gas, or either of them, with other land, lesse or lesses in the immediate vicinity thereof to the extent, hereinafter stipulated, when in Lesses is judgment it is necessary or advisable to do so in order property to explore, or to develop and portate still desade premises in compliance with the spacing rules of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Constraints poole for oil hereunder shall not substantially exceed 40 acres each in area, and units pooled for gas hereunder shall not substantially exceed 40 acres each parse and plus a tolerance of 10% thereof, provided that should governmental regulations. Lessee under the provisions hereof may pool or combine acreage covered by this lesse, or any portion thereof as above provided as to oil in any one or more strata. The units formed by pooling as to any pars on more strata, need not conform in a size or area with the unit or units into which the less is pooled acreage as a pooled unit. Lessee shall file for record in the appropriate records of the county in which the lessed premises are situated an instrument describing and designating the poolet acreage as a pooled unit. Lessee shall file for record in the appropriate records of the county in which the lessed premises are situated an instrument describing and designating the poolet acreage as a pooled unit. Lessee that and as to a portion of the land covered by this lesse engregoes of or dilling on or production of oil or gas from any pars of the pooled unit which hereade as operations for drilling on or production of oil or gas from any pars of the pooled unit which hereade as one advise and the entree acceage construing such units. Lessee that and as a or either of the instrument or instruments are entree of the land covered by this lesse engregoes of drilling on or production of oil or gas from any pars of the pooled unit which designating the pooled unit, this l

5. If at the expiration of the primary term oil or gas is not being produced on said land, or from land pooled therewith, but Lessee is then engaged in drilling or reworking operations thereon, or shall have completed a dry hole thereon within 60 days prior to the end of the primary terms, the lease shall remain in force so long as operations on said well or for drilling or reworking of any additional well are prosecuted with no cessation of more than 60 consecutive days, and if they result in the production of oil or gas so long thereafter as oil or gas is produced from said land, or from land pooled therewith. If, after the expiration of the primary tern of this lease and after oil or gas is produced from said land, or from land pooled therewith. If, after the expiration of the primary tern of this lease and after oil or gas is produced from said land, or from land pooled therewith. If, after the expiration of the primary tern of this lease and after oil or gas is produced from said land, or from land pooled therewith. If, after the expiration of the primary tern of this lease and after oil or gas is produced from said land, or from land pooled therewith. If, after the expiration of the primary tern of this lease and after oil or gas is produced from said land, or from land pooled therewith. If, after the expiration of the primary tern of this lease and after oil or gas is produced from said land, or from land pooled therewith. If, after the expiration of more than 60 consecutive days, and if they result in the production of such production, but shall remain in force and effect so long as such operations are prosecuted with no cessation of more than 60 consecutive days, and if they result in the production of oil and gas, so long thereafter as oil or gas is produced from said land or from land pooled therewith. Any pooled unit designated by Lessee in accordance with the terms hereof, may be dissolved by Lessee by Instrument filed for record in the appropriate records of the county in which the leased premises

6. Lessee shall have the right at any time during or after the expiration of this lease to remove all property and fixtures placed by Lessee on said land, including the right to draw and remove all casing. When required by Lessor, Lessee will bury all pipe lines below ordinary plow depth, and no well shall be drilled within two hundred feet of any residence or barn now on said land without Lessor's consent.

7. The rights of either party hereunder may be assigned in whole or in part, and the provisions hereof shall extend to their heirs, successors and assigns but no change or division in ownership of the land or royalties, however accomplished, shall operate to enlarge the obligations or diminish the rights of Lessee; and no change or division in such ownership shall be binding on Lessee until thirty (30) days after Lessee shall have been furnished by registered U.S. mail at Lessee's principal place of business with a certified copy of recorded instrument or instruments evidencing same. In the event of assignment hereof in whole or in part liability for breach of any obligation hereunder shall rest exclusively upon the owner of this lease or of a portion thereof who commits such breach. If six or more parties become entitled to royalty hereunder, Lessee may withhold payment thereof unless and until furnished with a recordable instrument executed by all such parties designating an agent to receive payment for all.

8. The breach by Lessee of any obligation arising hereunder shall not work a forfeiture or termination of this lease nor cause a termination or revision of the estate created hereby nor be grounds for cancellation hereof in whole or in part. In the event Lessor considers that operations are not at any time being conducted in compliance with this lease, Lessor shall notify Lessee in writing of the facts relied upon as constituting a breach hereof, and Lessee, if in default, shall have sixty days after receipt of such notice in which to commence the compliance with the obligations imposed by virtue of this instrument. After the discovery of oil or gas in paying quantities on said premises, Lessoe shall develop the acreage retained hereunder as a reasonably prudent operator but in discharging this obligation it shall in no event by required to drill more than one well per forty (40) acres of the area retained hereunder and capable of producing guantities.

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10. Should Lessee be prevented from complying with any express or implied covenant of this lease, from conducting drilling or reworking operations thereon or from producing oil or gas therefrom by reason of scarcity of or inability to obtain or to use equipment or material, or by operation or force majeure, any Federal or state law or any order, rule or regulation of governmental authority, then while so prevented, Lessee's obligation to comply with such covenant shall be suspended, and Lessee shall not be liable in damages for failure to comply therewith; and this lease shall be extended while and so long as Lessee is prevented by any such cause from conducting drilling or reworking operations on or from producing oil or gas from the leased premises; and the time while Lessee is so prevented shall not be counted against Lessee, anything in this lease to the contrary notwithstanding.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this instrument is executed on the date first above written.

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