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September 16, 2002

Ocean Energy, Inc. 1001 Fannin, Suite 1600 Houston, Texas 77002-6794

Attention: Mr. Derold Maney

Re: Unorthodox Proration Unit

SE/4 of Section 28, T20S-R28E, NMPM

Eddy County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is page 2 of your August 16, 2002 letter that has been executed on behalf of Yates Petroleum Corporation, Yates Drilling Company, Abo Petroleum Corporation and Myco Industries, Inc. whereby they waive any objection to the unorthodox proration unit proposed by Ocean Energy, Inc. for its Burton Flat Deep Unit #13 Well. The waiver is specifically subject to Ocean's agreeing to grant a like waiver should Yates want to drill our lease in the same section.

Very truly yours,

YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION

Randy G. Patterson Land Manager

AGREED AND ACCEPTED THIS 17 DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2002

OCEAN ENERGY, INC.

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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

CASE NUMBER

12932

CLAW EXHIBIT

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Signed fax of letter

August 16, 2002

Yates Petroleum Corporation Yates Drilling Company Abo Petroleum Corporation MYCO Industries 105 S. Fourth Street Artesia, NM 88210-2118

Attn: Mr. Robert Bullock

Re: Unorthodox Proration Unit

SE/4 of Section 28, T20S-R28E NMPM

Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Robert:

Ocean Energy, Inc. has filed for administrative approval of an unorthodox proration unit for its Burton Flat Deep Unit #13 Well. The well was originally drilled as an Atoka Morrow test and produced from both the Morrow and Atoka formation for a number of years. Ocean has recently re-completed the well as a Strawn producer and has requested that the well be allowed to produce on lease basis being the SE/4 of Section 28. Yates Petroleum Corporation is the offset leasehold owner, owning a State of New Mexico Oil and Gas lease located in the SW/4 of Section 28.

A copy of Ocean's application for administrative approval is enclosed for your information.

If you have no objections to Ocean's requested unorthodox proration unit, please signify your approval by signing in the space on page 2.

If you have any questions, please call me at (713) 265-6897.

Yours very truly,

OCEAN ENERGY, INC.

Derold Maney

Senior Land Advisor

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The undersigned hereby waives any objection to the unorthodox proration unit proposed by Ocean Energy, Inc. for its Burton Flat Deep Unit #13 Well.

Yates Petroleum Corporation

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Name Printed: Randy G. Patterson
Its: <u>Attorney-in-Fact</u>
Yates Drilling Company
By: Rand Hallen
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Its: Attorney-in-Fact
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September 21, 2002

Michael E. Stogner Oil Conservation Division 1220 South St. Francis Drive Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: Case No. 12932/Ocean Energy, Inc.

Dear Mr. Stogner:

Enclosed are: (1) a copy of the approved C-104 for the Burton Flat Deep Unit Well No. 13; (2) a summary of the unit agreement and unit operating agreement for the Burton Flat Deep Unit; and (3) a copy of Exhibit 12 introduced at hearing, summarizing ownership of the $N_{\rm H}$ and $S_{\rm H}$ of Section 28.

Very truly yours,

Attorney for Ocean Energy, Inc.

cc: Steven T. Brenner w/encl.

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Form C-104 Revised July 28, 2000

Submit to Appropriate District Office 5 Copies

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Unit Summary

The Burton Flat Deep Unit Area covers the following lands in Eddy County, New Mexico:

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Township 20 South, Range 28 East, N.M.P.M.
Section 26:
                 W_{\frac{1}{2}}
Section 27:
                 All
Section 28:
                 SE1/4
Section 33:
                 E\frac{1}{2}
Section 34:
                 All
Section 35:
                 W_{2}^{1/2}
Township 21 South, Range 27 East, N.M.P.M.
Section 2:
                 Lots 1-16, N½SW¼, SW¼SW¼, and )
                 SE1/4
Section 3:
                 All
Limited to depths below the top of the
Delaware Sandstone, containing 4,191.12
acres, more or less.
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1. <u>Unit Agreement</u>: The Unit Agreement for the Development and Operation of the Burton Flat Deep Unit Area (the "Unit Agreement"), dated July 1, 1972, originally covered the above lands and other lands totalling 5,807.72 acres. The Unit Area was contracted according to the terms of the Unit Agreement, and now covers the above-described lands only.¹ The agreement covers all depths below the top of the Delaware Sandstone, identified as a depth of 2970 feet subsurface on the Welex Acoustic Velocity Survey from the Cedar Hills Unit Well No. 1, located 1980 feet from the south line and 660 feet from the east line of Section 15, Township 21 South, Range 27 East, N.M.P.M. The agreement was approved by the BLM on August 29, 1972 (as BLM No. 14-08-0001-12391), by the Commissioner on August 24, 1972, and by the Oil Conservation Commission by Order No. R-4371 dated August 9, 1972.

The Unit Agreement provides for the drilling of an initial test well to a depth sufficient to test the Mississippian formation. That well, and a number of others, have been drilled in the Unit Area. Production is allocated according to a participating area ("P.A.") established for each formation where production in paying quantities is obtained. Each unit tract within a P.A. is allocated production on an acreage basis. The following P.A.'s have been established:

(a) <u>Delaware P.A.</u>: The Initial Delaware P.A. covers the following lands:

¹Unit Tract 18, covering Lots 1-8 of Section 3, Township 21 South, Range 27 East, N.M.P.M., was never committed to the Unit Agreement, and is currently unleased. However, unit documents often refer to this acreage as being within the Unit Area, so we have included it herein for completeness' sake.

Township 21 South, Range 27 East, N.M.P.M. Section 2: Lots 15, 16, and SE%

(b) <u>Bone Spring P.A.</u>: The First Revision of the Bone Spring P.A. covers the following lands:

Township 20 South, Range 28 East, N.M.P.M. Section 34: SE%

Township 20 South, Range 28 East, N.M.P.M. Section 35: SW4

Township 21 South, Range 27 East, N.M.P.M. Section 2: Lots 1-12, 15, and 16

(c) <u>Strawn P.A.</u>: The Initial Strawn P.A. covers the following lands:

Township 21 South, Range 27 East, N.M.P.M. Section 3: S%

(d) <u>Strawn "A" P.A.</u>: The Initial Strawn "A" P.A. covers the following lands:

Township 20 South, Range 28 East, N.M.P.M. Section 34: S%

Township 20 South, Range 28 East, N.M.P.M. Section 35: W%

(e) Atoka P.A.: The Initial Atoka P.A. covers the following lands:

Township 20 South, Range 28 East, N.M.P.M.

Section 27: W½ Section 34: All

- (f) Morrow P.A.: The Seventh Revision of the Morrow P.A. covers all lands now within the unit area. (No production is allocated to Unit Tract 18.)
- 2. <u>Unit Operating Agreement</u>: The leasehold operating rights in the lands in the Unit Area (except for Unit Tract 18) are subject to the Unit Operating Agreement Burton Flat Deep Unit (the "Operating Agreement"), dated July 1, 1972, among Monsanto Company, as operator, and Gulf Oil Corporation, Cities Service Oil Company, The Superior Oil Company, Mobil Oil Corporation, Humble Oil & Refining Company, Edward R. Hudson, Jr., Flag-Redfern Oil Company, Great Western Drilling Company, and Ervin J. Levers, as non-operators. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Unit Agreement regarding P.A.'s, the operating rights owners agreed among themselves that, except for the initial unit well, all expenses would be borne, and production allocated, as follows:

	Share of	Share of
Operating Rights Owner	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Production</u>
Monsanto Co.	21.209404%	21.559878%
Gulf Oil Corp.	29.563589%	29.397096%
Cities Service Oil Co.	25.061806%	25.070171%
The Superior Oil Co.	8.784106%	8.657205%
Mobil Oil Corp.	7.127825%	6.977846%
Humble Oil & Refining Co.	3.001189%	2.938040%
Edward R. Hudson, Jr.	3.001190%	3.116104%
Flag-Redfern Oil Co.	0.750297%	0.752317%
Great Western Drilling Co.	0.750297%	0.752317%
Ervin J. Levers	0.750297%	0.779026%

<u>See</u> the Operating Agreement, Exhibit D, page 4, Columns 3 and 4. Ocean Energy, Inc. is now operator under the Operating Agreement.

The "share of expenses" was based on each party's percentage interest (on an acreage basis) of operating rights in the original Unit Area. The "share of production" alters the share of expenses to reflect the burdens on each party's tracts within the Unit Area. To derive an operating rights owner's net revenue interest in a P.A., its share of production is multiplied by the net working interest share of each tract included within a P.A. Based on assignments of record since the unit was formed, the current operating rights owners in the Unit Area, and their interests, are as follows:

	Share of	Share of
Operating Rights Owner	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Production</u>
Ocean Energy, Inc.	56.564191%	56.488419%
Ocean Permian, LLC	25.061806%	25.070171%
Fidelity Oil Holdings, Inc.	8.422998%	8.402140%
Energen Resources Corp.	5.449221%	5.418532%
Richmond Resources, Inc.	0.361660%	0.362634%
Redfern Enterprises, Inc.	0.351122%	0.352067%
Claremont Corporation	0.037515%	0.037616%
Edward R. Hudson, Jr.	1.000396%	1.038701%
William A. Hudson, II	1.000397%	1.038701%
Mary Hudson Ard	1.000397%	1.038702%
Great Western Drilling Co.	0.483761%	0.485064%
Davoil, Inc.	0.266536%	0.267253%

The SE¼ of Section 28, Township 20 South, Range 28 East, N.M.P.M., upon which the Burton Flat Deep Unit Well No. 13 is located, comprises Unit Tract 25. Ownership of that tract is as follows:

- (c) <u>Title to Operating Rights in State of New Mexico Lease L-6322-4</u>.
 - (i) <u>Surface to top of Delaware Sandstone</u>.
 -Not reported herein-
- (d) Overriding Royalties Burdening State of New Mexico Lease L-6322-4.
 -None-

Since there is no Strawn P.A. for the Burton Flat Deep Unit Well No. 13, the Commissioner of Public Lands will receive 100% of the royalty from the well. The operating rights owners in the Unit Area will all share in the working interest share of production.