BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION FOR AN UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION, CHAVES COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

CASE NO. 9627

APPLICATION

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1. Applicant is the operator of the following lands in Chaves County, New Mexico:

Township 7 South, Range 29 East, N.M.P.M.

Section 25: NE/4

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- B. That upon hearing the Division enter its order granting Applicant permission to complete its Lightcap "YR" No. 1 Well at a point 330 feet from the north line and 330 feet from the east line of said Section 25, and to dedicate the NE/4 of Section 25 to said well for production from all formations which may be developed on 160-acre spacing.

C. And for such other and further relief as may be just in the premises.

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