STATE OF NEW MEXICO



ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

MEMORANDUM

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TO:

NEW MEXICO OIL PRODUCERS

FROM:

WILLIAM J. LeMAY, Director, Oil Conservation Division U.

SUBJECT:

REGULATORY INITIATIVES TO INCREASE NEW MEXICO'S

OIL PRODUCTION

DATE:

SEPTEMBER 6, 1990

In response to the crisis in the Middle East, the Secretary of the Energy has asked oil producing states to take initiatives to increase domestic oil production.

To meet the Secretary's request, the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission has placed on the September 24, 1990, docket a hearing to receive comments and suggestions from the oil industry on steps which the Division or the Commission might take to increase New Mexico's oil production immediately, and in the short term (3 to 6 months) and longer time frames.

The Commission is particularly interested to learn if producers see any Oil Conservation Division regulatory impediments which hinder drilling and/or production, whether oil allowables could be increased or eliminated, without violating correlative rights or creating waste, if there are any rule changes which could promote additional oil production and suggestions from industry relating to the Energy Secretary's directive. The Commission is soliciting comments only on actions which it or the Division might take and not on legislative initiatives or actions which would necessarily have to be taken by other governmental agencies, such as the Bureau of Land Management or Internal Revenue Service.

While no order will be issued as a result of this hearing, the Commission will utilize industry input in the implementation of regulatory policy which will allow or encourage higher production levels, either from existing wells or from new developments, without causing waste or impairing correlative rights.

PROPOSED NEW RULE 1135

Each gas transporter from a prorated gas well shall give notice to the Division within 30 days of new connection, reconnection or disconnection of a well to, or from, the gathering transportation system by filing Form C-135, in duplicate, with the appropriate District office of the Division, as required by the appropriate order of the Division (Order R-8170, as amended).

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October 11, 1990

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Mr. Ernest L. Padilla	
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Post Office Box 2523	
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Florene Davidson

Re: CASE NO. 10090 ORDER NO. R-9312

Applicant:

Yates Energy Corporation

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are two copies of the above-referenced Division order recently entered in the subject case.

Sincerely,

FLORENE DAVIDSON

OC Staff Specialist

Copy of order also sent to:

Hobbs OCD x
Artesia OCD x
Aztec OCD

Other William F. Carr

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April 3, 1991

Oil Conservation Division P. O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

Attention: David R. Catanach

Pose File- 10090

Re: Case No. 10090 Order No. R-9312 Thornbush Federal #2

Gentlemen:

Yates Energy Corporation was granted the captioned order to drill a Bone Spring test well in the SW/4SW/4 of Section 1-18S-31E, Eddy County, New Mexico. William J. LeMay granted a drilling extension until March 31, 1991 to begin the well.

Please be advised that Yates Energy Corporation was unable to drill this well within the extension period. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours very truly,

YATES ENERGY CORPORATION

Sharon R. Hamilton Landman

SRH/gkm

cc Ernest L. Padilla P. O. Box 2523 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2523

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December 12, 1990

Le 10090

Ernest L. Padilla Padilla & Snyder P.O. Box 2523 Santa Fe, NM 87504-2523

Dear Mr. Padilla:

Based upon your letter of December 11, 1990, and in accordance with the provisions of Division Order No. R-9312, Yates Energy Corporation is hereby granted an extension of time in which to begin the well on the unit pooled by said order until March 31, 1991.

Sincerely,

William J. LeMay

Director

WJL/MES/ag

cc: Oil Conservation Division - Artesia Yates Energy Corporation - Roswell

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November 29, 1990

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William J. LeMay, Director
Oil Conservation Division
New Mexico Department of Energy,
Minerals and Natural Resources
State Land Office Building
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503

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QIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

Re:

Oil Conservation Division Case No. 10090 (<u>De Novo</u>); Order No. R-9312 In the Matter of Application of Yates Energy Corporation for Compulsory Pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. LeMay:

Explorers Petroleum Corporation and Spiral, Inc. would appreciate the Division dismissing the above-referenced application.

Your assistance in this matter is appreciated.

Very truly yours

WILLIAM F. CARR

WFC:mlh

cc: Ms Shari Darr

Harvey E. Yates Corporation

BEFORE THE

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF YATES ENERGY CORPORATION FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO.10090
ORDER NO. R-9312

APPLICATION FOR HEARING DE NOVO

Explorers Petroleum Corporation and Spiral, Inc. parties of record adversely affected by the decision of the Oil Conservation Division herein, hereby apply for a hearing <u>De Novo</u> before the full Commission, pursuant to N.M.Stat.Ann. § 70-2-13 (1987 Repl.).

Respectfully submitted,

CAMPBELL & BLACK, P.A.

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ATTORNEYS FOR EXPLORERS PETROLEUM CORPORATION AND SPIRAL, INC.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Application for Hearing <u>De Novo</u> was mailed this day of October, 1990 to Ernest L. Padilla, Post Office Box 2523, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

William F Carr

PADILLA & SNYDER

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December 11, 1990

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William J. LeMay, Director Oil Conservation Division State Land Office Building Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

> Re: Case No. 10090 Order No. R-9312

Dear Mr. LeMay:

On October 2, 1990 the Division issued the above-referenced Order on the application of Yates Energy Corporation for compulsory pooling. The order requires that Yates Energy Corporation commence drilling a well prior to January 1, 1991.

Because one of the non-consenting parties requested a de novo hearing and recently dismissed such request, and because Yates Energy Corporation must re-submit an AFE to a consenting party pursuant to an operating agreement, Yates Energy Corporation requests an extension of time from January 1, 1991 to and including March 31, 1991 to commence a well.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this matter. In the event that you are inclined not to grant this request, we request an expeditious reply so that my client can commence drilling under the present form of order in a timely manner.

Ernest L. Padilla

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ELP:pmc

cc: Yates Energy Corporation

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