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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF A UNIT AGREEMENT, WEST SOMBRERO STATE UNIT AREA, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

CASE NO. 10185

## APPLICATION

COMES NOW Yates Petroleum Corporation, by its attorneys, and in support hereof, respectfully states:

1. Applicant is the operator of a portion of the following lands in Lea County, New Mexico:

## Township 16 South, Range 33 East, N.M.P.M.

Section 9: All Section 16: All Section 21: All

containing 1,920 acres, more or less.

- 2. The Applicant seeks to commit the above described lands to an exploratory unit known as the West Sombrero State Unit. The unit consists entirely of state lands.
- 3. The ratification or approval of all leasehold owners, including the State of New Mexico, required to ratify such unit agreement will be forthcoming prior to the effective date of any order issued pursuant to this Application by the Division.

4. The approval of this Application is in the interest of conservation and will prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

WHEREFORE, Applicant prays:

- A. That this Application be set for hearing before an examiner and that notice of said hearing be given as required by law.
- B. That upon hearing, the Division enter its order approving the West Sombrero State Unit Agreement, with Applicant as operator, as an exploratory unit embracing the above described lands.
- C. And for such other and further relief as may be just in the premises.

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