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RE: CASE NOS. 10869 and 10881
ORDER NO. R-10050

Dear Sir:

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sally E. Martinez".

Sally E. Martinez
Administrative Secretary

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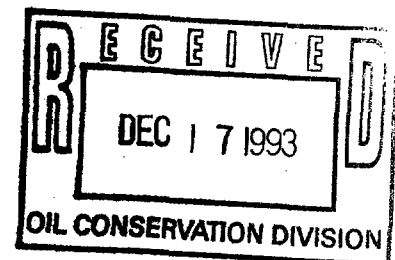
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December 17, 1993

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Mr. David R. Catanach
Hearing Examiner
Oil Conservation Division
New Mexico Department of Energy,
Minerals and Natural Resources
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Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503



Re: Case No. 10869:
Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for Amendment of the Special
Rules and Regulations for the South Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool,
Eddy County, New Mexico.

Case No. 10881:
Application of Conoco Inc. to Amend Rule 5(b) and Rule 6 of the Special
Rules and Regulations for the South Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool
(Division Order R-5353), and for the Extension of Said Pool, Eddy County,
New Mexico.

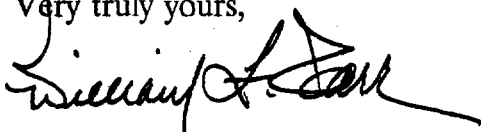
Dear Mr. Catanach:

Pursuant to your request, enclosed is a copy of the initialization deck for the simulation study of part of the South Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool which Yates offered as its Exhibit 5 in the above-referenced consolidated cases. By copy of this letter, this information is being provided to Conoco, Inc., Marathon Oil Company and Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L.P.

Mr. David R. Catanach
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If you need any additional information from Yates for your consideration of these applications, please advise.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William F. Carr", with a stylized flourish at the end.

WILLIAM F. CARR

WFC:mlh

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Pinson McWhorter (w/enclosure)
W. Thomas Kellahin, Esq., (Conoco, Inc.)(w/enclosure)
Karen Aubrey, Esq., (Marathon Oil Corp.)(w/enclosure)
James Bruce, Esq., (Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L.P.)(w/enclosure)

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TITLE Dagger Draw Canyon Reservoir (3-D Strip Model)

*PROJECT strip3d

*CASE

*CONTEXT strip3d

----- START OF BASIC DATA

*NOLIST

*SATCORM

*BLK

*GRID *XYZ 23 3 8

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*STDCON 15.025 60.000

*IDATE 31 12 88

*OUTPUT *TABLES *SATTAB *SW *SO *SOR *SG *P *PDAT *KX *PHI *TZ

*WINIT *HTOP *THNET *PHI *PV *RTYPE *IREG *IREGEQ

*WINIT *KX *KY *KZ *PDAT *SW *SG *API *BP

*CRVAR *MATRIX *CONSTANT 6.00000E-06

----- END OF BASIC DATA

----- START OF TABULAR DATA

ROCK TABLE 1

SATWO *MATRIX 1

SW	KRW	KROW	PCOWD	PCOWI
0.0000E+00	0.0000E+00	1.000	20	
1.000	1.000	0.0000E+00	0.0000E+00	

SWC *CON

.2456

SORW *CON

.3019

KROCW *CON

1.0

KRWRO *CON

0.5947

SATGO *MATRIX 1

SL	KROG	KRG	PCGOD	PCGOI
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1.000	1.000	0.0000E+00	0.0000E+00	

SLR *CON

.5476

SGC *CON

0.0

KRGRO *CON

.049

KROGC

.7174

ROCK TABLE 2

*SATWO *MATRIX 2

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1.000	1.000	0.0000E+00	0.0000E+00	

*SATGO *MATRIX 2

SL	KROG	KRG	PCGOD	PCGOI
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 0.0000E+00 0.0000E+00 1.000 0.0000E+00
 1.000 1.000 0.0000E+00 0.0000E+00

PVTO 1 3014.6
 API 42.700 *CO 9.90000E-06 *VCO 1.44405E-04

	PRES	RSO	VO	BO
14.6	9.79	1.2845	1.0261	
99.7	36.12	1.1974	1.0343	
214.6	65.03	1.1331	1.0440	
414.6	112.25	1.0266	1.0612	
614.7	159.12	.9331	1.0799	
814.7	206.81	.8726	1.1000	
1014.7	255.78	.8182	1.1218	
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1614.7	412.35	.6677	1.1967	
1814.7	468.15	.6240	1.2248	
2017.7	526.79	.5833	1.2550	
2114.6	555.54	.5651	1.2699	
2214.6	585.69	.5471	1.2857	
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2514.6	679.29	.4976	1.3354	
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 DYH *YVAR
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 HTOP *LAYER

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 3771.81 3790.11 3809.11 3824.57 3842.67 3858.82 3877.00 3890.52
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 3772.55 3791.62 3811.62 3826.69 3842.30 3857.13 3873.23 3889.80
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 TH *VALUE

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 31.7228 32.0396 32.1322 32.5299 33.3998 33.9239 34.0207 32.7306
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 25.1961 28.5361 31.8968 34.5739 36.6734 38.2431 38.6439 39.4113
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C *TH FOR LAYER 2 J = 2
 23.0863 23.5508 25.3200 26.4814 29.7563 32.3473 35.3658 36.4259
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C *TH FOR LAYER 3 J = 1
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 42.0466 41.9637 41.5105 40.5514 39.4114 38.3385 37.8354 39.0558

	40.4703	41.9574	42.8121	42.3204	38.6452	36.4317	34.9154	
C	*TH	FOR LAYER	3	J =	2			
	30.0795	30.3639	32.8747	34.1420	34.7437	35.0989	35.3724	34.9692
	34.5531	31.9840	30.7642	29.3233	26.2395	23.0632	20.5503	22.5428
	26.1770	31.8054	34.3334	32.6460	27.6748	24.9687	26.6208	
C	*TH	FOR LAYER	3	J =	3			
	19.4517	19.3686	19.1290	19.2908	19.4560	19.8735	20.3476	20.6291
	20.7482	19.4500	17.9365	17.8470	17.5034	17.4692	17.5858	18.8185
	23.3813	27.3015	28.1247	29.8639	30.8695	31.0339	31.9849	
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C	*TH	FOR LAYER	4	J =	1			
	83.86	83.81	83.47	84.18	85.35	87.09	88.06	88.58
	88.58	88.30	87.52	87.04	87.75	86.26	83.88	80.56
	76.94	82.03	79.43	70.20	65.17	59.19	54.15	
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	64.53	64.19	65.46	67.09	68.64	71.91	74.15	75.99
	77.21	77.42	78.02	79.31	79.36	77.95	75.21	70.80
	67.36	70.35	77.00	74.35	71.02	62.49	56.25	
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	63.71	63.84	65.19	66.57	67.83	67.65	68.09	68.61
	69.22	69.62	69.41	69.19	68.99	68.75	68.07	67.41
	68.06	67.17	69.13	71.17	65.65	60.47	57.02	
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C	*TH	FOR LAYER	5	J =	1			
	45.84	45.42	44.73	44.82	44.78	45.17	46.30	47.90
	49.33	50.30	53.24	59.74	63.06	59.17	46.80	46.19
	52.76	62.61	63.18	58.94	56.91	55.85	56.37	
C	*TH	FOR LAYER	5	J =	2			
	55.88	56.27	55.38	55.17	55.29	55.60	55.79	55.86
	55.97	56.36	59.21	61.49	63.45	60.55	55.89	60.83
	66.66	64.39	53.18	45.07	43.53	43.14	46.06	
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	66.39	66.74	66.81	66.79	66.85	66.55	65.88	65.05
	64.57	63.78	62.87	62.39	61.82	62.57	63.26	64.99
	64.78	60.84	45.63	38.49	38.52	40.07	42.83	
C								
C	*TH	FOR LAYER	6	J =	1			
	58.36	58.97	59.87	60.61	60.89	61.28	62.15	62.25
	61.57	58.76	54.55	50.12	47.89	50.67	57.77	61.04
	64.69	78.76	91.00	99.42	106.91	114.06	119.13	
C	*TH	FOR LAYER	6	J =	2			
	46.13	46.45	47.85	49.51	51.16	51.90	53.70	53.10
	50.74	49.08	47.48	45.66	45.89	50.57	55.62	56.83
	61.94	73.61	88.57	97.90	105.30	111.23	115.35	
C	*TH	FOR LAYER	6	J =	3			
	45.77	46.31	46.52	47.06	47.07	47.27	47.74	47.64
	47.32	46.94	46.38	46.03	46.87	48.37	49.72	51.86
	57.37	72.33	86.29	94.72	103.19	109.19	110.18	
C								
C	*TH	FOR LAYER	7	J =	1			
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	39.2130	33.7610	28.2372	24.2276	20.5297	16.7068	15.4587	
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	33.0445	32.5008	31.7976	31.8532	32.1316	32.1274	34.1572	36.3809
	38.0770	40.2619	43.8835	47.2931	45.4481	40.9698	38.1613	40.7377
	39.5518	33.9806	27.4436	22.8200	19.6847	17.9663	21.1564	
C	*TH	FOR LAYER	7	J =	3			
	26.1029	25.9065	25.8443	26.1883	26.8104	27.3313	27.9768	29.9453
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	40.3979	37.4496	31.9534	25.2150	20.3483	24.1774	33.7209	
C								
C	*TH	FOR LAYER	8	J =	1			
	37.44	40.30	43.53	46.21	47.75	48.98	49.75	49.26
	48.52	45.80	39.94	35.99	35.30	34.89	32.49	28.81
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;      *TH      FOR LAYER 8      J = 2
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36.47  33.12  30.85  30.30  30.56  31.10  31.50  31.21
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14.6892  13.9940  13.2664  12.7500  13.1050  15.7715  20.5051  19.8226
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;      *THNET  FOR LAYER 4      J = 13
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63.03  64.51  63.28  58.91  52.44  39.53  32.33
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25.08  28.59  30.35  31.73  33.74  36.51  40.07  43.53
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43.65  45.91  51.49  54.03  50.04  38.74  31.24
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Mr. David Catanach
Hearing Examiner
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
310 Old Santa Fe Trail
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Re: NMOCD Case No. 10881: The Application of Conoco Inc. for
Amendment of Rules 5(b) and 6, Order R-5353, South Dagger
Draw Pool, and to Expand the Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico

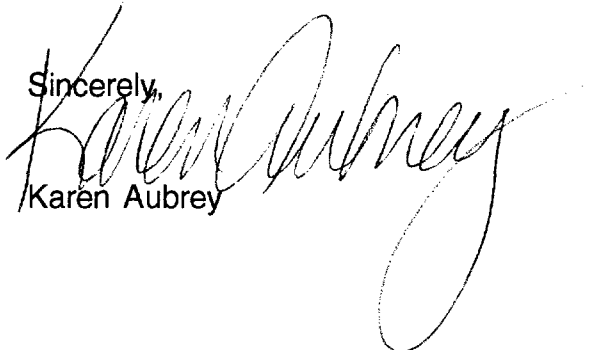
and

NMOCD Case No. 10869: The Application of Yates Petroleum
Corporation for Amendment of Rule 5(b), Order R-5353, South
Dagger Draw Pool, Eddy County New Mexico

Dear Mr. Catanach:

I enclose a proposed Order submitted by Marathon Oil Company in each of the
above referenced cases.

Sincerely,


Karen Aubrey

xc: William F. Carr, Esq.
James Bruce, Esq.
W. Thomas Kellahin, Esq.
Tom Lowry, Regional Counsel
Marathon Oil Company

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION
DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF
CONSIDERING

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CASE NO. 10869
ORDER NO. R-

APPLICATION OF YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION FOR AMENDMENT OF
THE SPECIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SOUTH DAGGER DRAW-
UPPER PENNSYLVANIAN ASSOCIATED POOL (DIVISION ORDER NO. R-5353),
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

PROPOSED ORDER OF MARATHON OIL COMPANY

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on December 4, 1993 at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner David R. Catanach.

NOW, on this ____ day of _____ 1993, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS THAT:

(1) Due public notice having been given as required by law, the Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) The applicant, Yates Petroleum Corporation, is the operator of wells in the South Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Gas Pool which was created by Division Order No. R-4637 entered October 1, 1973, and has been extended from time to time to include the following acreage:

Township 20 South, Range 24 East, N.M.P.M.

Section 9:	E/2
Section 10	S/2
Section 11	S/2
Section 12:	S/2
Sections 13 through 15:	All
Sections 22 through 26	All

Section 35: All
Section 36: N/2

(3) The applicant seeks to amend Rule 5(b) of Order R-5353 which precludes the simultaneous dedication of both oil and gas wells to the same unit.

(4) Marathon Oil Company appeared at said hearing and presented testimony in support of the Application.

(5) Conoco Inc. appeared at said hearing and presented testimony in support of the Application

(6) Santa Fe Energy Partners, L.P. entered its appearance in this case, but presented no testimony.

(7) Nearburg Producing entered its appearance in this case, but presented no testimony.

(8) Chevron U.S.A., Inc., entered its appearance in this case, but presented no testimony.

(9) There was no opposition by any operator or by any interested party to the subject application.

(10) Marathon Oil Company is the operator of six wells located in Section 36, Township 20 South, Range 24 East, N.M.P.M., as follows:

NAME	CLASSIFICATION	STATUS	LOCATION
Indian Hills St. Com #1	Gas	Shut-In	SW/NE
Indian Hills St. Com #3	Oil	Producing	NW/NW
Indian Hills St. Com #4	Oil	Producing	SW/NW
Indian Hills St Com #6	Gas	Shut In	NE/SW
Indian Hills St. Com #7	Gas	Shut-In	SE/NW
Indian Hills St. Com #8	Oil	Producing	SW/SW

(11) Section 36 contains two 320 acre proration units being the N/2 and the S/2.

(12) The South Dagger Draw Pool has been drilled on 40-acre spacing.

(13) The evidence shows that the S/2 of Section 36 contains one oil well, the Indian Hills St. Com #8 and one gas well, Indian Hills St. Com #6. The evidence further shows that without simultaneous dedication which is prohibited by Rule 5(b), either the oil well or gas well must be shut-in resulting in waste of oil or gas reserves.

(14) The evidence shows that the N/2 of Section 36 contains four wells. The Indian Hills St. Com #3 and #4 are producing oil wells. The Indian Hills St. Com #7 was unsuccessfully completed as an oil well and only has potential as a gas well. Indian Hills St. Com #1 is a gas well that is currently shut-in. Neither the Indian Hills St Com #1 nor the #7 can be produced since there are producing oil wells in the proration unit, resulting in waste of gas reserves.

(15) The evidence further shows that Marathon is unable to protect both its oil and its gas reserves from drainage by offset operators with the prohibition of simultaneous dedication. If Marathon chooses to produce the gas wells, it cannot protect its oil reserves when offset by an oil proration unit. Likewise, if the oil wells are produced, the correlative rights to the gas cannot be protected against an offset gas producer.

(16) Further, the evidence shows that the ownership percentages are not identical between the N/2 and the S/2. In the N/2 of Section 36, Marathon Oil Company has a 50% ownership interest, Columbia Gas, has a 25% ownership interest, and Southwest Royalties has a 25% interest. In the S/2 of Section 36, Columbia Gas and Marathon each have a 50% ownership interest.

(17) Under South Dagger Draw Special Pool Rules, Marathon Oil Company could shut-in its producing oil well in the S/2 of Section 36, or convert it to a gas well, produce gas from Indian Hills St. Com #6 and #8, and thereby drain gas reserves from the N/2 of Section 36. Since the ownership is not common, the correlative rights to gas would be impaired for the N/2 interest owners and the correlative rights to oil would be impaired for the S/2 interest owners. Conversely, if the oil wells were shut-in on the N/2 to allow gas production, the violation of correlative rights would be reversed.

(18) The evidence shows that the simultaneous dedication of proration units in the South Dagger Draw Associated Pool will not cause the premature abatement of reservoir energy, or reduce the ultimate oil recovery from the pool and will protect correlative rights and prevent waste.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) Rule 5(b) of Order R-5353 is hereby amended to permit the simultaneous dedication of both gas wells and oil wells to the same 320-acre spacing and proration unit.

(2) Jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
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Hearing Examiner
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State Land Office Building
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Re: Case Nos. 10869 and 10881:
Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for Amendment of the Special
Rules and Regulations for the South Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool,
Eddy County, New Mexico.

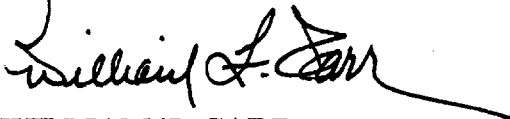
Application of Conoco Inc. to Amend Rule 5(b) and Rule 6 of the Special
Rules and Regulations for the South Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool
(Division Order R-5353), and for the Extension of Said Pool, Eddy County,
New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Catanach:

Pursuant to your request I am enclosing the proposed Order of Yates Petroleum
Corporation in the above-referenced case.

If you require anything further from Yates to proceed with your consideration of this matter,
please advise.

Very truly yours,



WILLIAM F. CARR

WFC:mlh

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Pinson McWhorter (w/enclosure)
W. Thomas Kellahin, Esq. (w/enclosure)

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION
DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF
CONSIDERING:

Case Nos. 10869 and 10881
(Consolidated)
Order No. R-_____

APPLICATION OF YATES PETROLEUM
CORPORATION FOR AMENDMENT OF THE
SPECIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR
THE SOUTH DAGGER DRAW-UPPER
PENNSYLVANIAN POOL,
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

APPLICATION OF CONOCO INC. TO
AMEND RULE 5(b) AND RULE 6 OF THE
SPECIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR
THE SOUTH DAGGER DRAW-UPPER
PENNSYLVANIAN POOL (DIVISION ORDER
R-5353), AND FOR THE EXTENSION OF
SAID POOL, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

**YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION'S
PROPOSED ORDER OF THE DIVISION**

BY THE DIVISION:

These causes came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on December 3, 1993, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner David R. Catanach.

NOW, on this ____ day of December, 1993, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS THAT:

(1) Due public notice having been given as required by law, the Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) Yates Petroleum Corporation ("Yates"), applicant in Cause No. 10869, seeks an order deleting Rule 5(b) of the Special Rules and Regulations of the South Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool thereby authorizing simultaneous dedication of both gas wells and oil wells in the same spacing unit.

(3) Conoco Inc. ("Conoco"), applicant in Case No. 10881, seeks an order deleting Rule 5(b) of the Special Rules and Regulations of the South Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool thereby authorizing simultaneous dedication of both gas wells and oil wells to the same spacing unit. Conoco also seeks an order amending Rule 6 of the Special Rules and Regulations of the South Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool to reduce the limiting gas-oil ratio to 4,500 cubic feet of gas for each barrel of oil produced in said pool. Further, Conoco seeks the extension of the South Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool to include the E/2 of Section 16, E/2 of Section 34 and all of Section 35, Township 20 South, Range 24 East and all of Sections 34 and 35, Township 20 1/2 South, Range 23 East, Eddy County, New Mexico.

(4) These cases were consolidated at the time of hearing and Marathon Oil Company ("Marathon") appeared and presented testimony in support of an order deleting Rule 5(b). Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L.P. ("Santa Fe") also appeared in support of the deletion of Rule 5(b).

(5) In support of its application for amendment of Rule 6 of the Special Rules and Regulations of the South Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool to reduce the limiting gas-oil ratio to 4,500 cubic feet of gas for each barrel of oil produced in said pool, Conoco presented evidence that:

- (a) The average gas-oil ratio for this pool for oil wells from January through June 1993 was approximately 4,500 to 1; and
- (b) Gas withdrawals from this pool should be limited to prevent any adverse impact such withdrawals could have on oil recoveries.

(6) Yates opposed the application of Conoco to reduce the gas-oil ratio for this pool and presented evidence which established that:

- (a) The average gas-oil ratio for oil wells in this pool during July, August and September 1993, data was in excess of 4,500 to 1 (Yates Exhibit 3) and that the gas-oil ratio will continue to increase as the reserves in the pool are produced. See Testimony of McWhorter and Majcher;
- (b) This reservoir consists of separate intervals of low vertical and horizontal permeability interspersed with zones of higher vertical and horizontal permeability. This results in low or restricted vertical communication between layers as evidenced by Reservoir, Inc.'s

analysis of the core from Conoco's Dagger Draw No. 12 Well. Testimony of McWhorter.

- (c) Even if there were vertical communication between the producing zones around the wellbores, the bulk of the gas cap is located west and south of the oil in the reservoir. This hydrodynamically displaced gas cap does not provide effective pressure support for oil production because of reduced horizontal and vertical permeability over the distances involved.
- (d) There are dramatic differences in the pressure encountered in the oil and gas zones which confirms the absence of good communication between these portions of the reservoir. Yates Exhibit 4.

(7) Yates also presented a Reservoir Simulation Study using a 3D cross sectional model of the South Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool which confirmed that changes in the rate of gas production have little effect on oil recoveries from the pool. (Yates Exhibit 5).

(8) Yates also presented an economic analysis which established that the production from this reservoir has a higher present net worth with an accelerated gas production rate than with gas production curtailed. Yates Exhibit 6.

(9) The evidence presented by Yates demonstrates that a gas-oil ratio of 10,000 to 1 in the South Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool does not permit production practices which result in waste and that a reduction of the gas-oil ratio as requested by Conoco will not increase the ultimate recovery of oil produced from the pool or otherwise prevent waste or protect correlative rights and should therefore be denied.

(10) In support of the applications to eliminate Rule 5(b) of the Special Rules and Regulations of the South Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool the evidence presented by the parties showed:

- (a) There are transition zones in the south and western portions of this pool where, due to structure, the oil column no longer exists;
- (b) Because of the transition zones and general entrapment characteristics of this reservoir elsewhere in this pool, operators have spacing units from which they cannot produce the gas from this pool because of existing oil wells and the limitation of Rule 5(b). See Yates Exhibit 2, and Testimony of McWhorter, Majcher and Kent).;

- (c) The gas that cannot be produced because of Rule 5(b) is drained by offset operators and the correlative rights of certain operators are thereby impaired.

(11) Amendment of the Special Rules and Regulations of the South Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool by the deletion of Rule 5(b) thereby permitting the simultaneous dedication of oil wells and gas wells to a spacing unit will protect correlative rights and should be approved.

(12) The evidence presented by Conoco established that the transition zone in this reservoir includes the E/2 of Section 16, E/2 of Section 34, and all of Section 35, Township 20 South, Range 24 East, and all of Sections 34 and 35, Township 20 1/2 South, Range 23 East, Eddy County, New Mexico and the application of Conoco to extend the South Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool to include this acreage should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) The applications of Yates Petroleum Corporation (Case 10869) and Conoco Inc. (Case 10881) for deletion of Rule 5(b) of the Special Rules and Regulations of the South Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool as promulgated by Division Order No. R-5353 are hereby granted.

(2) The application of Conoco Inc. (Case 10881) for extension of the South Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool to include the E/2 of Section 16, E/2 of Section 34 and all of Section 35, Township 20 South, Range 24 East, and all of Section 34 and 35, Township 20 1/2 South, Range 23 East, Eddy County, New Mexico is granted.

(3) The application of Conoco Inc. (Case 10881) for Amendment of Rule 6 of the Special Rules and Regulations of the South Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool to reduce the limiting gas-oil ratio to 4,500 cubic feet of gas for each barrel of oil produced in said pool is denied.

(4) Jurisdiction is hereby retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

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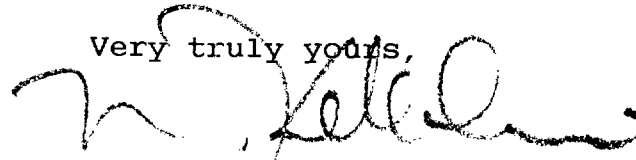
Re: NMOCD Case 10881: Application of Conoco Inc. to
Amend Rules 5(b) and 6 for South Dagger Draw Pool
and to Expand said Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

NMOCD Cases 10869: Application of Yates Petroleum
Corporation to Amend Rule 5(b) for South Dagger Draw
Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Catanach:

In accordance with your request at the hearing of
the referenced cases held on December 3, 1993, and on
behalf of Conoco Inc. please find enclosed our proposed
order for your consideration.

Very truly yours,



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(Chevron USA Inc.)

cc: James Bruce, Esq.
(Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L.P.)
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cc: Karen Aubrey, Esq.
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cc: Jerry Hoover (Conoco-Midland)

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION
DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF
CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 10881

APPLICATION OF CONOCO INC. TO AMEND RULE 5(B)
AND RULE 6 OF THE SPECIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS
FOR THE SOUTH DAGGER DRAW-UPPER PENNSYLVANIAN
ASSOCIATED POOL, (DIVISION ORDER R-5353),
FOR THE EXTENSION OF SAID POOL,
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO. 10869

APPLICATION OF YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION
FOR AMENDMENT OF RULE 5(B) OF THE SPECIAL
RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE SOUTH DAGGER
DRAW-UPPER PENNSYLVANIAN ASSOCIATED POOL,
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

Order R-5353-L-3

CONOCO INC.'S
PROPOSED
ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on
December 2, 1993, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before
Examiner David R. Catanach.

NOW, on this ____ day of December, 1993, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS THAT:

(1) Due public notice having been given as required by law, the Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) The Applicant in Case 10881, Conoco Inc. ("Conoco"), seeks to amend the Special Rules and Regulations of the South Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Associated Pool ("South Dagger Draw Pool") and for the extension of said pool, as follows:

(a) to amend Rule 5(b) so as to allow simultaneous dedication of a spacing unit to both gas and oil wells;

(b) to amend Rule 6 to reduce the current limiting gas-oil ratio in South Dagger Draw Pool from 10,000 to 1 to 4500 to 1.

(c) to expand South Dagger Draw Pool to include the "transition area" which currently exists between South Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Associated Pool and Indian Basin Gas Pool.

(3) The Applicant in Case 10869, Yates Petroleum Corporation ("Yates") seeks to amend Rule 5(B) of the South Dagger Draw Pool to allow simultaneous dedication of gas and oil wells to a spacing unit BUT opposes Conoco's request to lower the current limiting GOR for South Dagger Draw Pool.

(4) Marathon Oil Company appeared in support of amending Rule 5(B) to allow for simultaneous dedication but took no position concerning the GOR issue.

(5) Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L. P., Nearburg Producing Company, Chevron USA Inc, each appeared through counsel but took no position on any issue.

(6) South Dagger Draw Pool is the middle pool of an extensive dolomite fairway hydrocarbon reservoir in Eddy County, New Mexico, currently subdivided into three pools, the southern portion of which is structurally the highest and is classified as a gas pool being designated as the "Indian Basin Upper Pennsylvanian Gas Pool." The northern-most portion, which is structurally the lowest part of this extensive continuous dolomite reservoir, is classified as an oil pool and is designated as the "North Dagger Draw Upper Pennsylvanian Oil Pool."

(7) The middle portion of this continuous reservoir declines structurally from southwest to northeast and represents an extensive transition area from the gas pool to the south (Indian Basin) and the oil pool to the north (North Dagger Draw). This transitional area is classified as an associated oil-gas pool and is designated as the "South Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Associated Pool."

(8) This middle, transitional pool ("South Dagger Draw Pool") presents special reservoir management problems associated with the inclusion of gas wells on the southern and western periphery of the pool, oil wells on the northern and eastern side, and a mixture of high GOR oil wells and gas wells through the middle of the pool, which cannot be resolved with traditional rules for either gas or oil pools.

(9) The South Dagger Draw Pool is currently defined as including 6720 acres in Township 20 South Range 24 East as updated by Order No. R-9837, February 1, 1993.

(10) Conoco proposes that the current South Dagger Draw Pool boundaries be expanded to other acreage which contains wells that either have or are currently producing hydrocarbons that are being attributed to the South Dagger Draw production statistics by the Oil Conservation Division consisting of the E/2 Section 16, E/2 Section 34, all of Section 35, S/2 Section 36, Township 20 South, Range 24 East and all of Section 34 and 35, Township 20-1/2 South, Range 23 East.

(11) There was no opposition to Conoco's requested expansion of South Dagger Draw Pool.

(12) South Dagger Draw Pool should be expanded as requested by Conoco in order to provide appropriate regulatory rules for the "transition area" between South Dagger Draw Pool and the Indian Basin Gas Pool.

THE RULE 5(B) ISSUE:

(13) The current rules for the Indian Basin Upper Penn Gas Pool provide for 640-acre gas spacing and proration units with the option for multiple gas wells in a single such unit.

(14) The current rules for the North Dagger Draw Upper Pennsylvanian Oil Pool provide for 160-acre spacing and proration units with the option for multiple oil wells in a single such unit.

(15) The current rules for the South Dagger Draw Pool provide for 320-acre proration and spacing units with the option for multiple oil wells or multiple gas wells BUT preclude the simultaneous dedication of both oil and gas wells to the same unit. (See applicable Rule 5(b) of Associated Pool Rules (Order R-5353)).

(16) Precluding the simultaneous dedication of both oil and gas wells to the same unit, providing for limiting gas-oil ratios, and setting limits on gas allowables in an associated pool are regulatory conservation methods imposed to minimize gas production from the gas cap, to avoid the premature abatement of reservoir energy and thereby avoid the reduction in ultimate oil recovery from the pool.

(17) The evidence presented by Conoco, Yates, and Marathon demonstrated that the application of Rule 5(b) of Order R-5353 for South Dagger Draw Pool has and will continue to be an obstruction to the orderly and efficient development and proper depletion of the South Dagger Draw Pool thereby causing waste and violating correlative rights.

(18) Rule 5(B) may be deleted as one of the regulatory conservation methods imposed to minimize gas production from the gas cap in the Pool provided that an appropriate limiting GOR is established to protect the conservation of reservoir energy.

THE RULE 6-GOR ISSUE:

(19) The current MAXIMUM GAS ALLOWABLE for the Indian Basin Upper Penn Gas Pool provide for 6,000 MCFPD per 640-acre gas spacing and proration unit.

(20) The current maximum gas allowable for the South Dagger Draw Pool provide for 14,000 MCFPD per 320-acre spacing unit (GOR of 10,000 to 1 times the top oil allowable of 1,400 BOPD).

(21) The current actual maximum producing rate from any spacing unit in South Dagger Draw Pool is approximately 9,000 MCFGPD from the Yates' operated spacing unit consisting of the W/2 of Section 15, T20S, R24E.

(22) In support of its request to reduce the GOR to 4500 to 1, Conoco provided expert geologic evidence which demonstrated that:

(a) the South Dagger Draw Pool is a brittle, vugular dolomite with good vertical permeability. This combination of vugs, fractures and vertical permeability provide the necessary flow channels to permit gas-cap gas to reach the perforations in wells which would otherwise normally be limited to production from the oil column;

(b) the oil column is overlain by a gas column of varying thickness regardless of structural position within the South Dagger Draw Pool. (See Conoco Exhibits 6 and 7);

(c) many wells in the South Dagger Draw Pool have been routinely perforated in the overlying gas column as evidence by completion and producing records;

(d) Even wells that have been completed only in the oil column, as exhibited by Conoco's completions in Section 35, T20S, R24E, require stimulation treatments such that it is virtually impossible to prevent communication with the overlying gas column and the production of gas-cap gas from oil well completions.

(23) In support of its request to reduce the current limiting 10,000 to 1 GOR to a new limiting 4500 to 1 GOR, Conoco provided expert petroleum engineering evidence which demonstrated that:

(a) the South Dagger Draw Pool is a complex reservoir with a combination of gas-cap expansion, solution-gas drive and weak water influx drive mechanism;

(b) the "gas-cap" in the South Dagger Draw Pool is in pressure communication with the oil column and extends throughout the pool as demonstrated by Conoco's initial pressures in the recently drilled Preston Nos. 5, 8 and 9 oil wells as compared to the 20-year old producing Preston No 1 gas well. These three wells confirm this pressure communication between the oil and gas columns over a 1-1/2 mile area extending across the reservoir;

(c) production data demonstrates that the current producing GOR for the pool is nearly 5 times greater than the original solution gas-oil ratio of 911 SCF/STB as documented by PVT data;

(d) under current rules, the South Dagger Draw Pool is being produced such that approximately 80% of the gas produced from the oil wells in the pool is free gas-cap gas;

(e) under current rules, ten wells in the pool currently account for 42% of the total pool gas production;

(f) the current limiting 10,000 to 1 gas-oil ratio is causing the premature depletion of the gas cap which results in oil being left unrecovered in the reservoir which otherwise would be recoverable and thereby causing waste;

(g) a new limiting 4,500 to 1 gas-oil ratio is needed for South Dagger Draw Pool to prevent the premature depletion of the gas cap which will preserve the ability to maximize oil recovery from this associated pool thereby preventing waste;

(h) the oil is approximately 6 times more valuable than the gas on an equivalent reservoir volume basis and therefore the pool rules and limiting GOR should be geared toward protecting the oil reserves;

(i) since the intent of a limiting GOR is to control gas production to maximize more valuable oil production, the limiting GOR should be based upon the current producing GOR of those wells that are or should be classified as oil wells;

(j) the current producing GOR for the oil wells is 4,500 to 1 which is equivalent to 6,300 MCFGPD per spacing unit;

(k) by allowing the operator of each 320-acre spacing and proration unit to produce gas up to a maximum gas limit of 6,300 MCFPD which would provide the necessary flexibility to produce the oil in preference to the gas.

(24) In support of its request to maintain the current 10,000 to 1 GOR, Yates introduced a reservoir simulation which concluded that the withdrawals from the gas cap would not adversely affect oil production.

(25) Yates' reservoir simulation was based upon the following:

(a) the geologic assumption that there was a significant restriction to vertical flow in the reservoir;

(b) the geologic interpretation that the gas cap was located only along the western edge of the South Dagger Draw Pool and not distributed over the pool as interpreted by Conoco.

(c) the assumption that the limited area simulated in an east-west direction across portions of sections 13, 14 and 15, T36S, R20S, NMPM is representative of the entire South Dagger Draw Pool which all parties agree is an extremely heterogeneous reservoir;

(d) the assumption that the pressure differential between certain selected wells demonstrates limited pressure communication between the gas cap and the oil column;

(e) The engineering assumption that adjustment of porosity and height parameters in the simulator in order to achieve a "history match" for 8 select wells represented a "unique combination" which is characteristic of the performance of all 56 wells in the pool.

(26) The Division finds that the Yates' reservoir simulation does not constitute substantial evidence on the GOR issue because:

(a) it failed to demonstrate that the physical picture of the reservoir (for example, permeability, porosity distributions) described in the simulator was accurate and typical of the entire pool;

(b) the area of simulation was too small and too localized to be characteristic of the performance of the other areas of the pool;

(c) that the simulation results are inconsistent with known production data, including producing GORs, from other areas of the South Dagger Draw Pool.

(d) Yates' geologic model of a vertically isolated oil and gas column is not supported by pressure and production data;

(e) Yates' geologic model of a vertically isolated reservoir is incompatible with their contention that oil/water and gas/water contacts have been tilted due to a dynamic aquifer.

(27) The Division finds that:

(a) based upon current production and pressure data and engineering and geological reservoir evaluations, the current maximum gas allowable for a spacing unit in the South Dagger Draw Pool is probably not achievable by a single gas well and will result in the waste of oil reserves if applied to multiple gas wells in the same spacing unit.

(b) An amendment to Rule 5(b) of Order R-5353 authorizing the simultaneous dedication of both gas wells and oil wells to the same 320-acre spacing and proration unit is appropriate provided an amendment is also made to Rule 6 of Order R-5353 reducing the limiting GOR and thereby reducing gas allowables for proration and spacing units in the South Dagger Draw Pool.

(c) Rule 6 of Order R-5353 should be amended to establish a limiting GOR of 4,500 to 1 which matches the current average producing GOR of all wells that qualify to be classified as oil wells in the Pool in order to prevent excessive premature drainage of the gas cap and the waste of significant oil reserves.

(d) The current average producing GOR of all wells that qualify to be classified as oil wells under current pool rules in the South Dagger Draw Pool is approximately 4,500 cubic feet of gas for each barrel of oil produced. Amendment of Rule 6 of Order R-5353 to include a new limiting GOR of 4,500 to 1 would in effect establish a new maximum gas allowable of 6,300 MCFGPD per standard 320-acre proration and spacing unit and will afford the opportunity to adequately recover both oil and gas reserves without causing undue waste.

(e) Rule 5(b) and Rule 6 should be amended for the South Dagger Draw Pool to include appropriate language to accomplish the following:

(1) A maximum combination of eight oil and gas wells, each located on a separate 40-acre tract, may be simultaneously dedicated to a 320-acre spacing and proration unit;

(2) A new limiting GOR of 4,500 to 1 should be set for each standard 320-acre proration and spacing unit to avoid undue adverse affect on ultimate oil recovery;

(3) The combined gas production from both oil and gas wells in a standard 320-acre spacing and proration unit in the Pool shall not exceed the maximum casinghead gas allowable of 6,300 MCFGPD as established by the new limiting GOR for the Pool.

(28) The conservation objectives of the Division to prevent waste and protect correlative rights are best accomplished by approving the Conoco application and by denying the Yates' application.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) The application of Yates is hereby denied.

(2) The application of Conoco in Case 10881 is hereby granted.

(3) The Special Rules and Regulations for the South Dagger Draw- Upper Pennsylvanian Associated Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, as amended by Division Order Nos. R-5353-L and R-5353-L-1 and R-5353-L-2, are hereby amended effective as of January 1, 1994, as follows:

Rule 5(b) A maximum combination of eight oil and gas wells, each located on a separate 40-acre tract, may be simultaneously dedicated to a 320-acre spacing and proration unit;

Rule 6. The limiting gas-oil ratio shall be 4,500 cubic feet of gas for each barrel of oil produced.

(4) The South Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Associated Pool is hereby expanded to include the following additional acreage: the E/2 Section 16, E/2 Section 34, all of Section 35, S/2 Section 36, Township 20 South, Range 24 East and all of Section 34 and 35, Township 20-1/2 South, Range 23 East, NMPM.

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(5) Jurisdiction is hereby retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

WILLIAM J. LEMAY
Director.

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