

**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. 13922  
ORDER NO. R-12765**

**APPLICATION OF YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL  
OF A UNIT AGREEMENT, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

**ORDER OF THE DIVISION**

**BY THE DIVISION:**

This case came for hearing May 24, 2007 at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner William V. Jones.

NOW, on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2007, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner,

**FINDS THAT:**

(1) Due public notice has been given, and the Division has jurisdiction of this case and its subject matter.

(2) The applicant, Yates Petroleum Corporation, seeks approval of its Recif Exploratory Unit Agreement for all oil and gas in all formations from the surface to the base of the (Upper Pennsylvanian) Canyon formation underlying the following-described 5,207.37 acres, more or less, of federal, state, and fee lands situated in Eddy County, New Mexico:

**TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST. NMPM**

Sections 30 and 31: All

**TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST. NMPM**

Sections 5 through 8: All

Sections 18 and 19: All

(3) The Applicant presented testimony by affidavit as follows.

(a) The Unit Agreement has been approved by 100 percent of the working interests. There are unleased mineral interests with acreage within this proposed unit.

(b) The Unit is made up of 7 tracts, 5 of which are federal (96.1%), 1 tract is State, and 1 tract is fee.

(c) The Bureau of Land Management and the State Land Office both gave preliminary approval for this Unit.

(d) The initial well will be drilled to an approximate depth of 8,000 feet at a standard well location 660 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the West line of Section 7, Township 23 South, Range 23 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

(e) The primary target for this initial well will be the Canyon, but all shallower formations will be evaluated.

(f) Yates intends to test the concept - supported by magnetic surveys - that the prolific carbonates of the Indian Basin-Upper Pennsylvanian may extend over this area.

(4) No other party appeared at the hearing or otherwise opposed this application.

(5) All of the proposed unit acreage appears prospective for recovery of oil and gas from the target formations under the concept proposed by the applicant. These acres should be unitized and should equally share in the benefits from nature oil and gas recovery.

(6) The approval of the proposed unit agreement will serve to prevent waste and protect correlative rights within the lands assigned to the unit area.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

(1) The Recif Exploratory Unit Agreement executed by Yates Petroleum Corporation is hereby approved for all oil and gas in all formations from the surface to the base of the (Upper Pennsylvanian) Canyon formation underlying the following-described 5,207.37 acres, more or less, of federal, state, and fee lands situated in Eddy County, New Mexico:

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(2) The plan contained in the Recif Exploratory Unit Agreement for the development and operation of the above-described unit area is hereby approved in principle; provided, however, notwithstanding any of the provisions contained in the unit agreement, this approval shall not be considered as waiving or relinquishing, in any manner, any right, duty, or obligation that is now, or may hereafter be, vested in the Division to supervise and control operations for the unit and production of oil and gas therefrom.

(3) The unit operator shall file with the Division an executed original or executed counterpart of the unit agreement within 30 days of the effective date thereof; in the event of subsequent joinder by any other party, or expansion or contraction of the unit area, the unit operator shall file with the Division, within 30 days thereafter, copies of the unit agreement reflecting the subscription of those interests having joined or ratified.

(4) All: (i) plans of development and operation; (ii) creations, expansions or contractions of participating areas; and (iii) expansions or contractions of the unit area shall be submitted to the Division Director for approval.

(5) This order shall become effective upon the approval of the unit agreement by the United States Bureau of Land Management and the New Mexico State Land Office. This order shall terminate upon the termination of the unit agreement. The last unit operator shall notify the Division immediately in writing of such termination.

(6) Jurisdiction of this case 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.



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MARK E. FESMIRE, P.E.  
Director