BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL STATE OF WYOMING

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IN THE MATTER OF THE NOTICE OF) VIOLATION ISSUED TO:) YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION) **105 SOUTH 4TH STREET** ARTESIA, NM 88210

DOCKET NO. 05-3218

WDEQ Docket No. 3795-05

ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND WITHDRAWAL OF APPEAL

This matter was brought before the Environmental Quality Council (EQC) upon Yates Petroleum Corporation's (Yates) Petition for Review, appealing Notice of Violation (NOV), Docket Number 3795-05 issued by Respondent, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Water Quality Division (WQD) to Yates. The DEQ and Yates, collectively the Parties, have filed a Joint Motion for Withdrawal of Appeal and Approval of Settlement Agreement in this matter. WYO. STAT. ANN. § 35-11-901(a)(ii), 16-3-107(n) and Chapter 1, Section 11 of the DEQ Rules of Practice & Procedure provide for disposition of contested cases by stipulation of the Parties upon approval of the Council.

The EQC having considered the Parties Joint Motion for Withdrawal of Appeal and Approval of Settlement Agreement, and being advised in the premises, hereby enters the following Order:

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IT IS ORDERED that:

The Parties' Joint Motion for Withdrawal of Appeal and Approval of Settlement Agreement in this matter (Docket No. 05-3218) is hereby granted and Exhibit A is hereby approved and incorporated herein and shall be binding upon them, and, accordingly, the appeal in this matter is dismissed and shall not be re-filed.

DATED this _____ day of ______, 2006.

Chairman Environmental Quality Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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