BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL STATE OF WYOMING

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Terri A. Lorenzon, Director Environmental Quality Council

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPEAL
AND REVIEW OF THE ISSUANCE
OF WYOMING POLLUTANT DISCHARGE
ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WYPDES)
PERMITS WY0049271
(Yates, Taylor – Wild Horse Creek)
DATED July 30, 2007

Docket No. 07-3621

ORDER TO STAY PROCEEDINGS

This Order arises out of the request of Yates Petroleum Corporation and the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (collectively, the Parties) during the Pre-Hearing Conference of April 15, 2008 that the proceedings in the above-captioned matter be stayed for one hundred-twenty (120) days while the parties determine whether settlement is likely.

The Presiding Officer finds that staying the proceedings will facilitate settlement discussions between the Parties and could lead to settlement that will avoid unnecessary litigation costs for the Parties and the Environmental Quality Council.

IT IS THEREFORE HEREBY ORDERED that the proceedings in Docket No. 07-3621 are stayed for one hundred-twenty (120) days from the date of the Pre-Hearing Conference. The parties shall file a joint status report regarding the progress of the settlement discussions, including the status of Yates' permit modification application, on or before August 13, 2008. If a joint status report cannot be filed, the Parties shall file individual status reports.

SO ORDERED this 35 day of April, 2008.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Kim Waring, certify that at Cheyenne, Wyoming, on the 25th day of April, 2008, I served a copy of the foregoing **ORDER TO STAY PROCEEDINGS** by depositing copies of the same in the United Stated mail, postage prepaid, duly enveloped and addressed to;

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