

BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

**APPLICATION OF MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY
FOR COMPULSORY POOLING AND AN
UNOROTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATED
IN EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

Case No. 15547

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Case No. 15548

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Case No. 15549

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Case No. 15550

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Case No. 15551

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Case No. 15552

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Case No. 15562

PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

This Pre-hearing Statement is submitted by Premier Oil & Gas, Inc. by and through its undersigned counsel, Ernest L. Padilla, PADILLA LAW FIRM, P.A., as required by the Oil Conservation Division.

APPEARANCES OF PARTIES

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STATEMENT OF CASE

APPLICANT:

OPPOSITION OR OTHER PARTY:

Premier Oil & Gas, Inc. (Premier) appears as an interested party in these consolidated cases.

In these consolidated cases, Mewbourne Oil Company seeks to compulsorily-pool mineral interests, the ownership of which, are currently being litigated in the Fifth Judicial District Court, Eddy County, New Mexico in Cause No. D-503-PB-2012-36 WBS, entitled: In the Matter of the Last Will and Testament of Marie G. Welch, Deceased; Premier Oil & Gas Company, et. al v. Samuel G. Alderman et.al. Among other things, Premier contends that it owns title to the fee mineral interests claimed by Blair Seaton Croke, one of the parties being force pooled. Premier contends that Blair Seaton Croke owns nothing.

Premier further holds a valid oil and gas lease covering the interest claimed by Blair Seaton Crooke. The lease is committed to multiple Joint Operating Agreements (JOAs). Portions of Premier's interests are included in all of the proposed spacing units in the cases before the Division under the JOAs.

Because of Premier's ownership discussed above, the force pooling of the interest claimed by Blair Seaton Crooke will have no effect on Premier's interests. Therefore, Premier does not oppose the applications in the consolidated cases, but requests that orders of the Division issued after hearing provide that the interest claimed by Blair Seaton Crooke is subject to litigation, and that any force pooling order issued by the Division is not an adjudication of title or intended to indicate that the Division has made any determinations regarding title which determinations are the province of the Fifth Judicial District Court, Eddy County, New Mexico. Any determination or statements regarding title will invade the province of the Court and further cloud the title issues that currently exist.

PROPOSED EVIDENCE

APPLICANT

WITNESSES

EST. TIME

EXHIBITS

OPPOSITION

WITNESSES

EST. TIME

EXHIBITS

(Premier will not present witnesses or introduce exhibits)

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

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