

# **OIL & GAS ADMINISTRATION**

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18 January 2018

David R. Catanach, Director NM Oil Conservation Division 1220 S St Francis Drive Santa Fe, NM 87505

RE: CASE NO. 15946, Jicarilla Oil and Gas Administration, Prehearing Statement

Name of Party:

The Jicarilla Oil & Gas Administration (JOGA), acting on behalf of the Jicarilla Apache Nation (Nation) and represented by Mr. Guillermo DeHerrera, Director JOGA is hereby submitting the following prehearing statement in reference to CASE NO. 15946; APPLICATION OF ROBERT L. BAYLESS, PRODUCER LLC FOR APPROVAL OF LA JARA MANCOS UNIT, CREATION OF A NEW POOL FOR HORIZONTAL DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE UNIT AREA, AND FOR ALLOWNCE OF 660 FOOT SETBACKS FROM THE EXTERIOR OF THE PROPOSED UNIT, RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

#### **Position Statement:**

The JOGA opposes the creation of this unit for the following reasons; 1) The Nation was not provided sufficient information prior to this application to determine whether the proposed unit would cause harm to the Nation's interests, 2) The Nation was not provided a development plan which would include horizontal lateral lengths and directions, 3) The Nation is concerned that drainage of hydrocarbons from the adjacent Nation lands may occur with the 660 foot setback.

#### Witnesses:

The Nation will be represented by Mr. Guillermo DeHerrera, Director of the Jicarilla Oil & Gas Administration. In accordance with NMAC 19.15.4.13, witness is providing a sworn and notarized statement attesting that the Jicarilla Apache Nation President has authorized Guillermo DeHerrera, Director of JOGA to represent the Nation this matter. The approximate time needed for the Nation to state their case is 20 minutes.

Procedural Matters: None

With Kind Regards,

Guillermo DeHerrera, Director

Director of Jicarilla Oil and Gas Administration (JOGA)

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Authorization to Represent

Mr. Catanach:

The Jicarilla Apache Nation authorizes Guillermo DeHerrera, Director of the Jicarilla Oil & Gas Administration, to represent the Nation in the matter of CASE NO. 15946; APPLICATION OF ROBERT L. BAYLESS, PRODUCER LLC FOR APPROVAL OF LA JARA MANCOS UNIT, CREATION OF A NEW POOL FOR HORIZONTAL DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE UNIT AREA, AND FOR ALLOWNCE OF 660 FOOT SETBACKS FROM THE EXTERIOR OF THE PROPOSED UNIT, RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO. Mr. DeHerrera will be present on Thursday January 25. 2018 at Porter Hall in the Oil Conservation Division's Santa Fe Office to testify on behalf of the Nation.

Levi Pesata, President Jicarilla Apache Nation

STATE OF New Mexico COUNTY OF RID Avoina

On this 18th day of January, 2018, before me, a notary public in and for the said county and state, personally appeared Levi Pesata known to be the identical person who executed the within and foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same as his free and voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 11/27/303/



