

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**APPLICATION OF HILCORP ENERGY  
COMPANY TO AMEND THE WELL DENSITY  
AND LOCATION REQUIREMENTS AND  
ADMINISTRATIVE EXCEPTION OF THE  
SPECIAL RULES FOR THE BLANCO-MESAVERDE  
GAS POOL, ARriba AND SAN JUAN  
COUNTIES, NEW MEXICO.**

**CASE NO. 16403**

**PRE-HEARING STATEMENT**

This pre-hearing statement is submitted by the New Mexico State Land Office as required by the Oil Conservation Division under 19.15.4.13 (A) NMAC.

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## STATEMENT OF THE CASE

### APPLICANT

CASE NO. 16403

Application of Hilcorp Energy Company to amend the well density and location requirements and administrative exception of the Special Rules for the Blanco-Mesaverde Gas Pool in Arriba and San Juan Counties, New Mexico. The New Mexico State Land Office is a mineral and surface owner in the Blanco-Mesaverde Gas Pool.

## PROPOSED EVIDENCE

### APPLICANT

The State Land Office has not received notice of witnesses or exhibits that will be presented by the Applicant or other Opponents.

### STATE LAND OFFICE

The State Land Office submitted an Unopposed Motion to Amend the Special Rules for the Blanco-Mesaverde Pool. This Motion was the result of negotiations between all interested parties to this matter. The Parties agreed to the Stipulated Amendments to the Special Rules proposed in the Motion and the State Land Office believes approval of such motion is in the best interests of all involved and will allow this matter to be concluded in the fairest and most expeditious manner.

## PROCEDURAL MATTERS

The State Land Office requests that its Motion be heard first as it is dispositive and would potentially resolve the need for any additional hearing matters.

Respectfully submitted,



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