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

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

APPLICATION OF APACHE CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF A UNIT AGREEMENT, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

Case No. 14735

PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

This pre-hearing statement is submitted by applicant as required by the Oil Conservation Division.

APPEARANCES

APPLICANT

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STATEMENT OF THE CASE

APPLICANT

Applicant seeks approval of the Unit Agreement for the West Tatum State Exploratory Unit Area, comprising 4440 acres of state lands covering all or part of Sections 14, 23, 25, 26, and 34-36, Township 12 South, Range 35 East, NMPM.

<u>OPPONENT</u>

PROPOSED EVIDENCE

APPLICANT

WITNESSES EST. TIME EXHIBITS

Michelle Hanson 10 min. Approx. 5

(landman)

Keith McCamey (geologist)

10 min.

Approx. 4

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<u>WITNESSES</u> <u>EST. TIME</u> <u>EXHIBITS</u>

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Applicant requests an expedited order in this case due to the need to obtain final Land Office approval and spud the initial unit well.

Respectfully submitted,

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