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Case 14735

Florene Davidson
Oil Conservation Division
1220 South St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Dear Florene:

Enclosed for filing, on behalf of Apache Corporation, are an original and one copy of an application for approval of a unit agreement, together with a proposed advertisement. The advertisement has also been e-mailed to the Division. Please re-set this matter for the September 29, 2011 Examiner hearing. Thank you.

Very truly yours,


James Bruce

Attorney for Apache Corporation

BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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

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Case No. 14735

APPLICATION

Apache Corporation applies for an order approving the Unit Agreement for the proposed West Tatum State Exploratory Unit Area, and in support thereof, states:

1. Applicant is a working interest owner in, and the operator of, the proposed West Tatum State Exploratory Unit Area, an exploratory unit comprising 4,440.00 acres of state lands in Lea County, New Mexico, described as follows:

Township 12 South, Range 35 East, N.M.P.M.

Section 14: N $\frac{1}{2}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Section 23: All

Section 25: All

Section 26: All

Section 34: All

Section 35: All

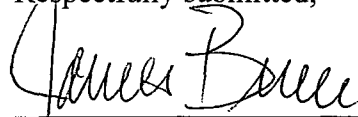
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2. Applicant has obtained preliminary approval of the Unit Agreement from the Commissioner of Public Lands.

3. Approval of this application will prevent waste, protect correlative rights, and conserve natural resources.

WHEREFORE, applicant requests that, after hearing, the Division enter its order approving the relief requested herein.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James Bruce", written over a horizontal line.

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PROPOSED ADVERTISEMENT

Case No. 14735:

Application of Apache Corporation for approval of a unit agreement, Lea County, New Mexico: 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. The proposed unit area is centered approximately 3-1/2 miles west of Tatum, New Mexico.

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