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

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

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APPLICATION OF NADEL AND GUSSMAN PERMIAN L.L.C. FOR APPROVAL OF A NON-STANDARD OIL SPACING AND PRORATION UNIT AND COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Case No. 14624

## YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION'S PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

Yates Petroleum Corporation ("Yates") submits this Pre-Hearing Statement as required by the Oil Conservation Division.

#### **APPEARANCES**

| <u>APPLICANT</u> | <b>ATTORNEY</b> |
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#### STATEMENT OF THE CASE

Yates is a mineral interest owner in the E/2 SW/2 of Section 7, Township 19 South, Range 26 East, N.M.P.M. in Eddy County. Applicant Nadel and Gussman Permian L.L.C.

("Nadel and Gussman") seeks an order approving a 160-acre non-standard oil spacing and proration unit (project area) in the Glorieta-Yeso formation comprised of the E/2 W/2 of Section 7 and the pooling of all mineral interests (i) from the surface to the top of the Glorieta-Yeso formation in the NE/4 NW/4 of Section 7 and (ii) the Glorieta-Yeso formation underlying the proposed project area. Nadel and Gussman proposes to drill the Long Branch Well No. 2, a horizontal well with a surface location in the NE/4 NW/4, and a terminus in the SE/4 SW/4, of Section 7. Yates opposes the application on the grounds that (i) Nadel and Gussman failed to undertake a good faith effort to obtain Yates' voluntary joinder in the well and (ii) Nadel and Gussman's proposed well costs are unreasonable.

#### PROPOSED EVIDENCE

| WITNESS | ESTIMATED TIME | EXHIBITS |
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Charles E. Moran (Landman)

Approx. 15 minutes

None

Yates reserves the right to call a rebuttal witness(es) if appropriate.

#### **PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

Yates is not aware of any procedural matters to be resolved prior to the hearing.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011, I sent a true and correct copy of the foregoing *Yates Petroleum Corporation's Pre-Hearing Statement* via email to:

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