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Jami Bailey, Director  
Oil Conservation Division  
1220 South St. Francis Drive  
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Dear Ms. Bailey:

Please dismiss the following cases:


Case 14746 (Strata Production Company)  
Case 14787 (Nearburg Exploration Company)

Please continue the following case to the June 7th hearing docket:

Case 14811 (Cimarex Energy Co.)

Thank you.

Very truly yours,



James Bruce

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cc: Counsel of record

2. **CASE 14817: (Readvertised)** (This case will be continued to the May 24, 2012 Examiner Hearing.)  
***Application of Mewbourne Oil Company for approval of a non-standard oil spacing and proration unit and compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.*** Mewbourne Oil Company seeks an order approving a 160-acre non-standard oil spacing and proration unit (project area) in the Yeso formation comprised of the W/2E/2 of Section 13, Township 19 South, Range 25 East, NMPM. Applicant further seeks the pooling of all mineral interests in the Yeso formation underlying the W/2E/2 of Section 13 to form a non-standard 160 acre oil spacing and proration unit (project area) for all pools or formations developed on 40 acre spacing within that vertical extent. The unit is to be dedicated to the Wyatt Draw 13 OB Well No. 1, a horizontal well with a surface location 250 feet from the north line and 2190 feet from the east line of Section 24, Township 19 South, Range 25 East, NMPM, and a terminus at an orthodox location in the NW/4NE/4 of Section 13. The producing interval of the wellbore will be orthodox. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing the well and the allocation of the cost thereof, as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a 200% charge for the risk involved in drilling and completing the well. The unit is located approximately 4-1/2 miles west-northwest of Lakewood, New Mexico.
3. **CASE 14818: (Readvertised)**  
***Application of Mewbourne Oil Company for approval of a non-standard oil spacing and proration unit and compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.*** Mewbourne Oil Company seeks an order approving a 160-acre non-standard oil spacing and proration unit (project area) in the Yeso formation comprised of the E/2E/2 of Section 13, Township 19 South, Range 25 East, NMPM. Applicant further seeks the pooling of all mineral interests in the Yeso formation underlying the E/2E/2 of Section 13 to form a non-standard 160 acre oil spacing and proration unit (project area) for all pools or formations developed on 40 acre spacing within that vertical extent. The unit is to be dedicated to the Wyatt Draw 13 PA Well No. 1, a horizontal well with a surface location 190 feet from the north line and 970 feet from the east line of Section 24, Township 19 South, Range 25 East, NMPM, and a terminus at an orthodox location in the NE/4NE/4 of Section 13. The producing interval of the wellbore will be orthodox. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing the well and the allocation of the cost thereof, as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a 200% charge for the risk involved in drilling and completing the well. The unit is located approximately 4-1/2 miles west-northwest of Lakewood, New Mexico.
4. **CASE 14809: (Continued from the April 26, 2012 Examiner Hearing.)**  
***Application of Mewbourne Oil Company for approval of a non-standard oil spacing and proration unit and compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.*** Mewbourne Oil Company seeks an order approving a 160-acre non-standard oil spacing and proration unit (project area) in the Bone Spring formation comprised of the E/2 W/2 of Section 35, Township 23 South, Range 28 East, NMPM. Applicant further seeks the pooling of all mineral interests (i) from the surface to the base of the Bone Spring formation underlying the NE/4 NW/4 of Section 35 to form a standard 40 acre oil spacing and proration unit, and (ii) the Bone Spring formation underlying the E/2 W/2 of Section 35 to form a non-standard 160 acre oil spacing and proration unit (project area), for all pools or formations developed on 40 acre spacing within that vertical extent. The units are to be dedicated to the Layla 35 Well No. 2, a horizontal well with a surface location in the NE/4 NW/4, and a terminus in the SE/4SW/4, of Section 35. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing the well and the allocation of the cost thereof, as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a 200% charge for the risk involved in drilling and completing the well. The units are located approximately 2-1/2 miles north-northeast of Malaga, New Mexico.
5. **CASE 14746: (Continued from the March 29, 2012 Examiner Hearing.)**  
***Application of Strata Production Company for approval of a non-standard oil spacing and proration unit and compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.*** Strata Production Company seeks an order approving a 320-acre non-standard oil spacing and proration unit (project area) in the Delaware formation comprised of the SE/4 of Section 14, E/2 NE/4 of Section 23, and W/2 NW/4 of Section 24, Township 23 South, Range 30 East, NMPM. Applicant further seeks the pooling of all mineral interests in the Delaware formation underlying the SE/4 of Section 14, E/2 NE/4 of Section 23, and W/2 NE/4 of Section 24 to form a non-standard 320 acre oil spacing and proration unit (project area), for all pools or formations developed on 40 acre spacing within that vertical extent. The units are to be dedicated to the Sandy Fed. Well No. 2, a horizontal well with a surface

location in the SW/4 NW/4 of Section 24, and a terminus in the NW/4 SE/4 of Section 14. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing the well and the allocation of the cost thereof, as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a 200% charge for the risk involved in drilling and completing the well. The units are located approximately 15 miles east of Loving, New Mexico.

6. **CASE 14787: Readvertised** (Continued from the April 12, 2012 Examiner Hearing.)  
**Application of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. for a non-standard oil spacing and proration unit, unorthodox oil well locations, and compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order approving a non-standard oil spacing and proration unit in the Devonian formation comprised of the W/2 NW/4 of Section 8, Township 17 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, approving unorthodox oil well locations in the Strawn and Devonian formations, and pooling all mineral interests in the Devonian formation underlying the non-standard unit. Applicant proposes to drill the Midway 8 State Well No. 1 at an unorthodox location 925 feet from the North line and 1644 feet from the West line of Section 8, to a depth sufficient to test the Strawn formation, and will dedicate the NE/4 NW/4 of Section 8 to the well in the Strawn formation. In the event the well does not result in commercial Strawn production, applicant plans to directionally drill the well to an unorthodox bottomhole location approximately 1139 feet from the North line and 1195 feet from the West line of Section 8 to test the Devonian formation (Midway-Devonian Pool). Applicant requests that a non-standard spacing and proration unit comprised of the W/2 NW/4 of Section 8 be dedicated to the well, to be re-named the Midway 8 State Com. Well No. 1, and pooling all mineral interest owners in the Devonian formation underlying the W/2 NW/4 of Section 8. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing the well and the allocation of the cost thereof, as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of Nearburg Producing Company as operator of the well, and a 200% charge for the risk involved in drilling and completing the well. The unit is located approximately 5-1/2 miles northwest of Humble City, New Mexico.
7. **CASE 14832: Application of SM Energy Company for designation of a non-standard oil spacing and proration unit and for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order consolidating the 40-acre spacing units within the N/2 S/2 of Section 34, Township 19 South, Range 29 East, NMPM and designating the consolidated units as a 160-acre± non-standard oil spacing and proration unit for a well location in the Bone Spring formation for Applicant's horizontal drilling project area. Applicant further seeks the compulsory pooling of all interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying the N/2 S/2 of Section 34 to be dedicated to its Osage "34" Federal No. 3H Well to be drilled horizontally from a surface location 1880' from the South line and 330' from the West line (Unit L) to a bottomhole location 1980' from the South line and 330' from the East line (Unit I) to a depth sufficient to test the Bone Spring formation, Parkway Bone Spring pool (49622). Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of SM Energy Company as operator and a charge for risk involved in drilling the well. The proposed well and lands are located approximately 8 miles west of Gatuna Canyon, New Mexico.
8. **CASE 14814: (Continued from the April 26, 2012 Examiner Hearing.)**  
**Application of SM Energy Company for designation of a non-standard oil spacing and proration unit and for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order consolidating the 40-acre spacing units within the N/2 S/2 of Section 35, Township 19 South Range 29 East, NMPM and designating the consolidated units as a 160-acre± non-standard oil spacing and proration unit for a well location in the Bone Spring formation for Applicant's horizontal drilling project area. Applicant further seeks the compulsory pooling of all interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying the N/2 S/2 of Section 35 to be dedicated to its Parkway "35" Federal No. 3H Well to be drilled horizontally from a surface location 2080' from the South line and 330' from the West line (Unit L) to a bottom hole location 1980' from the South line and 330' from the East line (Unit I) to a depth sufficient to test the Bone Spring formation, Parkway Bone Spring pool (49622). Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of SM Energy Company as operator