

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

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

**APPLICATION OF APACHE CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL,  
RETROACTIVELY, FOR SURFACE COMMINGLING AND AN  
EXCEPTION TO THE METERING REQUIREMENTS OF  
DIVISION RULE 19.15.12.10(C)(1) NMAC  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

**CASE 14944**

**AMENDED PRE-HEARING STATEMENT**

Apache Corporation submits this amended pre-hearing statement as required by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division.

**APPEARANCE OF THE PARTIES**

**APPLICANT**

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None

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE****APPLICANT:**

APACHE CORPORATION ("Apache") applies to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division for approval, including retroactive-approval, of the surface commingling of production for 34 wells located within its Hawk B-1 lease, comprising portions of Sections 8 and 9, Township 21 South Range 37 East, Lea County, New Mexico. Apache, in accordance with Division Rule 19.15.12 NMAC, is requesting surface commingling approval be made retroactive to the date that oil and gas production was first surface commingled from the Hawk B-1 lease, a lease containing leaseline and non-consent wells, creating diversity in ownership. Apache is further requesting approval of the allocation of production by monthly well tests in lieu of separately metering each well's production. Applicant also seeks authority to surface commingling future wells and add them to either its Hawk B-1 Federal Tank Battery or its Hawk B-1 Tank Battery.

By approving cooperative agreements for the six (6) leaseline wells, the Bureau of Land Management "BLM" and where appropriate, the State Land Office, both have authorized the allocation and metering method being used by Apache.

**In Summary,** Apache Corporation is seeking:

**HAWK B-1 TANK BATTERY:**

Surface commingling authority, retroactively to the date the wells were first commingled, for 32 wells producing from either or both the Penrose Skelly-Grayburg and East Hare-San Andres Pools on its Hawk B-1 Lease;

An exception to the metering requirements of Division Rule 19.15.12.10(C)(1) to allow allocation or production from diversely-owned wells on this lease by means of monthly well tests; and

Authority to add wells to this surface commingling approval at such time as new wells are drilled on the Hawk B-1 Lease. This may include wells drilled to the Penrose Skelly-Grayburg, East Hare-San Andres Pool, or other producing pools in this area.

**HAWK FEDERAL B-1 TANK BATTERY:**

Surface commingling authority, retroactive to the date the wells were first commingled, for the diversely owned Hawk B-1 Wells No. 69 and 70 producing from the Wantz-Abo Pool.

Since production from the Hawk B-1 Wells No. 69 is being separately metered prior to commingling, an exception is requested only for surface commingling for the diversely owned wells, and no exception is requested for allocation by well tests.

Authority to add wells, including monthly test for allocation purposes, to this surface commingling approval at such time as new wells are drilled on the Hawk B-1 Lease. This may include wells drilled to the Wantz-Abo Pool or other producing pools in this area.

### PROPOSED EVIDENCE

#### APPLICANT

WITNESSES	EST. TIME	EST. EXHIBITS
Michelle Hanson (Land & Regulatory)	30-40 min	@ 14-18
Clint Mills (District Manager and Petroleum Engineer)	30-40 min	@ 8-10

### PROCEDURAL MATTERS

None

  
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