

**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 CONSIDERING:**

**APPLICATION OF APACHE CORPORATION
FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY,
NEW MEXICO.**

Case No. 14,989

PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

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

APPEARANCES

APPLICANT

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APPLICANT'S ATTORNEY

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OTHER PARTY

OTHER PARTY'S ATTORNEY

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

APPLICANT

Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Drinkard formation underlying the SW/4NW/4 of Section 2, Township 20 South, Range 38 East, NMPM, to form a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations or pools developed on 40-acre spacing within that vertical extent, including the House-Blinbry Pool, House-Tubb Pool, and House-Drinkard Pool. The unit will be dedicated to the Pinot Well No. 2, to be drilled at an orthodox oil well location in the SW/4NW/4 of Section 2. 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.

OPPONENT

PROPOSED EVIDENCE

APPLICANT

WITNESSES

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EXHIBITS

Michelle Hanson
(landman)

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AFFIDAVIT.**

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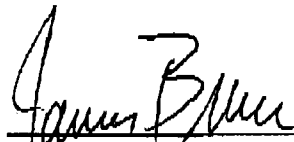
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PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Respectfully submitted,



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