

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

RECEIVED OGD
2011 OCT -9 P 2:54

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
XTO ENERGY, INC. FOR A NON-STANDARD
SPACING AND PROPRATION UNIT,
COMPULSORY POOLING, AND
REINSTATEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR
PERMIT TO DRILL, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

CASE NO. 15220

**ENTRY OF APPEARANCE AND PRE-HEARING STATEMENT
OF THE NEW MEXICO STATE LAND OFFICE**

Kelly Brooks Smith hereby enters her appearance on behalf of the New Mexico State Land Office and submits this pre-hearing statement as required by the Oil Conservation Division in the instance that a party wishes to both cross-examine witnesses and to present evidence.

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

The New Mexico State Land Office has concerns that state acreage may be stranded if Yate's 1.5 mile stand-up laterals are approved to the exclusion of XTO's proposed wells.


PROPOSED EVIDENCE

Witnesses: Anchor Holm, Professional Petroleum Engineer -- 15 minutes

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

The State Land Office is not aware of any procedural matters at this time.

Respectfully submitted,




Kelly Brooks Smith
Associate Counsel
New Mexico State Land Office
310 Old Santa Fe Trail

P.O. Box 1148
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-1148
(505) 827-5713
ksmith@slo.state.nm.us

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing was served upon the following this 9th day of October, 2014 by regular U.S. mail and e-mail:


Kelly Brooks Smith

Ernest L. Padilla
Padilla Law Firm, P.A.
P.O. Box 2523
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504
(505) 988-7577
(505) 988-7592
padillalaw@qwestoffice.net
Attorney for XTO Energy, Inc.

Gary W. Larson
Hinkle Shanor LLP
P.O. Box 2068
Santa Fe, NM 87504-2068
(505) 982-4554
glarson@hinklelawfirm.com
Attorney for Yates Petroleum Corp.