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

APPLICATION OF WPX ENERGY PRODUCTION, LLC FOR COMPULSORY POOLING AND APPROVAL OF AN UNORTHODOX WELL LOCATION, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

**CASE NO. 15275** 

## PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

This pre-hearing statement is submitted by WPX ENERGY PRODUCTION, LLC ("WPX"), as required by NMAC 19.15.4.13.B.

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## STATEMENT OF THE CASE

WPX seeks an order order (1) pooling all mineral interests in the Mancos formation underlying the S/2 of Section 33, Township 24 North, Range 8 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico; and (2) approving an unorthodox well location for the proposed well. WPX proposes to dedicate the above-referenced spacing and proration unit as the project area for its proposed Chaco 2408-33M No. 121H Well, which will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the SW/4 SW/4 (Unit M) to a non-standard bottom hole location in the SE/4 SE/4 (Unit P) of Section 33. The completed interval will commence 428 feet from the West line, 1087 feet from the South line (Unit

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M) to a location 230 feet from the East line, 380 feet from the South line (Unit P). The well is located within the Basin Mancos Gas Pool which is governed by the Special Rules as governed by Division Order R-12984. These Special Rules require 320-acre spacing units and that the completed interval for a well be no closer than 660 to the outer boundary of the spacing unit. As a result, the completed interval for this horizontal well encroaches on the spacing units to the East, Southeast, South, Southwest, and West.

### APPLICANT'S PROPOSED EVIDENCE

WITNESS Name and Expertise	ESTIMATED TIME	EXHIBITS	
Chuck Bassett, Landman	Approx. 10 minutes	Approx. 5	
Barbara Pickup, Geologist	Approx. 10 minutes	Approx. 5	

#### PROCEDURAL MATTERS

None at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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