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

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

**CASE NO. 13603** 

AMENDED APPLICATION OF DEVON ENERGY CORPORATION FOR COMPULSORY POOLING AND WITHDRAWAL OF APPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

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# PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

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This Pre-Hearing Statement is submitted by Holland & Hart LLP, as required by the Oil Conservation Division.

# **APPEARANCES OF PARTIES**

#### **APPLICANT**

#### **ATTORNEY**

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#### **OPPOSITION**

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# **STATEMENT OF CASE**

#### APPLICANT

Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks an order from the Division (1) withdrawing its approval of an Application for Permit to Drill, and (2) pooling all mineral interests from the surface through the base of the Wolfcamp formation in the following described acreage in Section 6, Township 17 South, Range 25 East, NMPM: the W/2 to form a standard 320-acre spacing and proration unit for all formations developed on a 320-acre spacing within that vertical extent which includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated West Cottonwood Creek-Wolfcamp Gas Pool, and the NW/4 to form a standard spacing and proration unit for all formations developed on 160-acre spacing within that vertical extent. Said spacing and proration units are to be dedicated to the 1725 Federal Com Well No. 61 (API No. 30-015-34340) currently being drilled from a surface location 660 feet from the North line and 760 feet from the west line of said Section 6 to an appropriate depth to be horizontally drilled in a southerly direction in the Wolfcamp formation for a sufficient distance to enable the well to effectively drain the W/2 of Section 6 and test all formations from the surface to the base of the Wolfcamp formation. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of Devon Energy Corporation as operator of the well and imposition of a 200% penalty on any working interest owner's share of the costs of drilling and completing the well incurred by Devon, if any, against any working interest owner who does not voluntarily participate in the well. Said area is located approximately 7 miles west of Artesia, New Mexico.

## PROPOSED EVIDENCE

## **APPLICANT**

| WITNESSES                          | ESTIMATED TIME     | EXHIBITS Approx. 8 |  |
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| Meg Muhlinghause<br>(Land Advisor) | Approx. 20 Minutes |                    |  |
| Raye Miller (Practical Oilman)     | Approx. 10 Minutes | Approx. 2          |  |

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# **PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

Devon Energy Corporation will request that this case be consolidated for purposes of hearing with Case No. 13628 (Application of LCX Energy LLC for Compulsory Pooling).

William F. Carr

Attorney for Devon Energy Corporation\

# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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