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#### VIA FACSIMILE/FEDERAL EXPRESS

**NMOCD** 

Department of Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources

ATTN: DIVISION CLERK 1220 South St. Francis Drive Santa Fe, NM 87505

Re: Application of Quest Resource LLC for Approval
of an Application for Permit to Drill
Lea County, New Mexico
Case No. 13, 870
Well Location in Section 9
Township 18 South, Range 38 East, N.M.P.M.
Lea County, New Mexico

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed for filing with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division is an original and three copies of Intervenors Pre-Hearing Statement and Statement of Intervenors in reference to the above-mentioned matter.

Upon filing of same please return a conformed copy to this office in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

By:

HEIDEL, SAMBERSON, NEWELL, COX & MCMAHON

Michael Newell

# Letter to NMOCD

Application of Quest Cherokee, LLC Case No. 13870

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Enclosure

pc w/encl:

Intervenors

James Bruce, Esq.

pc via fax:

Mark Fesmire

Cheryl O'Conner

#### BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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

APPLICATION OF QUEST CHEROKEE, LLC FOR APPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Case No. 13,870

# PRE-HEARING STATEMENT AND STATEMENT OF INTENT OF INTERVENORS

This pre-hearing statement and statement of intent to participate is submitted by Intervenors, Barbara Cox, Steve Cox, Tom Duncan and Lee Roberson, pursuant to rules of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division.

#### **APPEARANCES**

#### **APPLICANT**

Quest Resources Corporation Suite 300 9520 North May Avenue Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73120 Attn: David W. Bolton

#### APPLICANT'S ATTORNEY

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#### **INTERVENORS**

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## STATEMENT OF THE CASE

## **APPLICANT**

Applicant seeks approval of an application for permit to drill its State 9-4 Well No.1 in the NW/4 of Section 9, Township 18 South, Range 38 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

#### **INTERVENORS**

Intervenors object to the application because the well location and proposed drilling plan, including the use of open reserve pits, negatively impacts correlative rights, health and the environment. Additionally, Intervenors state Applicant has failed to follow the rules and regulations of this Division and the Application should be dismissed.

#### **PROPOSED EVIDENCE**

#### **APPLICANT**

	WITNESSES	EST. TIME	<b>EXHIBITS</b>
	David Bolton (landman)	10 min.	Approx. 2
	Vernon Dyer (landman)	30 min.	Approx. 6
	Steven Hochstein (geologist)	20 min.	Approx. 4
INTERVENORS			
	Lee Roberson (Intervenor/Resident)	30 min.	Approx. 4

30 min. Approx. 4 Barbara Cox (Intervenor/Resident) Tom Duncan 30 min. Approx. 4 (Intervenor/Resident) Steve Cox 30 min. Approx. 4 (Intervenor/Resident)

Bruce Baizel (Witness)

1 hour

Approx. 10

## **PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

## **APPLICANT**

Applicant previously requested a two week continuance of this case.

## **INTERVENORS**

None.

Respectfully Submitted,

HEIDEL, SAMBERSON, NEWELL, COX & MCMAHON

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# **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was mailed to James Bruce, Esq., Attorney for Quest Cherokee, LLC, Post Office Box 1056, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504, on this day of February, 2007.

**Michael Newell**