# 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:

APPLICATION OF BEACH EXPLORATION, INC. FOR STATUTORY UNITIZATION, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

**CASE NO. 14043** 

## PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

Lisa Curry Gray, attorney for Snow Oil and Gas, Inc., submits this Pre-Hearing Statement as required by the rules of the Oil Conservation Division.

### APPEARANCE OF PARTIES

**APPLICANT** 

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**OPPOSITION** 

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STATEMENT OF CASE

#### APPLICANT:

In Case No. 14043, Beach Exploration, Inc. seeks an order unitizing all mineral interests in the Queen Sand Member of the Turkey Track Serven Rivers-Queen-Grayburg-San Andres Pool underlying partos of Section 1,2, and 11, T-19-S, R-29-E, N.M.P.M, comprising 1040.01 acres of state lands for its proposed Eastland Queen Unit. Among the matters to be considered at hearing, pursuant to New Mexico Statutory Unitization Act, NMSA 1978 Sec.s 70-71 et seq., will be: The necessity of unit operations; the determination of horizontal and vertical limits of the unit area; the determination of the fair, reasonable, and equitable allocation of production and costs of production, including capital investments, to each of the tracts in the unit area; the

determination of credits and charges to be made among the various owners in the unit area for their investments in wells and equipment; and such other matters as may be necessary and appropriate.

#### **OPPOSITION:**

Snow Oil and Gas, Inc. (Snow) does not oppose appropriate efforts to develop reserves with the Turkey Track Seven Rivers-Queen-Grayburg-San Andres Pool. However, as an offset operator with wells located in Section 10, T-19-S, R-29-E, Snow has not been contacted by Beach in a timely manner and consulted with Snow as to the nature and implementation of the proposed waterflood unit, with a particular emphasis on pressure requirements for effective waterflood response, resulting in potential communication causing increase water flow to its wells and damage to the reservoir

The proposed locations of injector wells in the N/2 of Section 11 may put at risk the offsetting wells in Section 10, if Beach must increase pressure injection of the water in sufficient quantities to achieve an effective response from the reservoir.

**Proposed Evidence** 

Witness:	Estimated Time	Exhibits
Dan W. Snow (President and Engineer)	20 minutes	3

Upon review of any additional material which may be presented, Snow reserves the right to present any further exhibits or witnesses as it deems appropriate.

Respectfully Submitted

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on December 6, 2007 I served a copy of the foregoing document to the following by Hand Delivery or Facsimile:

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