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

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

APPLICATION OF CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC., FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO. **CASE NO. 14027**

PRE- HEARING STATEMENT

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

APPEARANCES OF PARTIES

APPLICANT

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STATEMENT OF CASE

APPLICANT

Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from 4,000 feet to 15,751 feet (Ellenburger formation) in certain spacing and proration units located in the N/2 of Section 21, Township 22 South, Range 36 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico. The above referenced spacing unit will be dedicated to Chesapeake's Langley Greer Well No. 3H which will be drilled to test the Devonian formation, Langley Devonian Gas Pool, from an unorthodox surface location 2440 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line, intersecting the Devonian formation at an unorthodox penetration point 2310 feet from the North and West line, and to a standard bottomhole location 660 feet from the North and West lines of said Section 21.Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as

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actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of Chesapeake Operating, Inc. as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located approximately 10.1 miles Southwest of Eunice, New Mexico.

PROPOSED EVIDENCE

WITNESSES ESTIMATED TIME EXHIBITS

Ed Birdshead 45 Minutes 10

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PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Chesapeake Operating Inc., has none at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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