

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE AMENDED
APPLICATION OF ENERGEN RESOURCES
CORPORATION TO AMEND THE COST
RECOVERY PROVISIONS OF COMPULSORY
POOLING ORDER NO. R-1960, TO DETERMINE
REASONABLE COSTS, AND FOR AUTHORIZATION
TO RECOVER COSTS FROM PRODUCTION OF
POOLED MINERAL INTERESTS, RIO ARRIBA
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

CASE NO. 13957

PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

This Pre-Hearing Statement is submitted by Miller Stratvert P.A. (J. Scott Hall) on behalf of Energen Resources Corporation, as required by the Oil Conservation Division.

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STATEMENT OF THE CASE

APPLICANT

Applicant is the successor operator of the Martinez Well No. 1 drilled to and producing from the Pictured Cliffs formation, (Tapacito-Pictured Cliffs Gas Pool) underlying the SW/4 of Section 2, Township 25 North, Range 3 West, NMPM, in Rio Arriba County. Certain unleased mineral interests in the SW/4 of Section 2 dedicated to the well were consolidated pursuant to Order No. R-1960. The form of this compulsory pooling order issued in 1961 does not directly comport with the form of orders currently in use by the Division setting forth the means by which well operators may obtain reimbursement for operating costs and supervision charges. Order No. R-1960 neither contains findings establishing the amount of supervision charges, nor does it expressly provide for their periodic adjustment. (See *NMSA 1978 §70-2-17 C*).

One of the pooled mineral interest owners has disputed the operating expenses and supervision charges for the well. In addition, one or more of the pooled mineral interest owners has failed to make arrangements for the sale of its gas and has refused to permit the Applicant to market its gas on its behalf. As a consequence, Applicant has been prevented from deducting proportionate operating costs and supervision charges. One of the pooled mineral interest owners also asserts that Applicant may not sell its gas from the well when the mineral interest owner's working interest share is not being marketed. (See *Rule 414*).

Applicant accordingly requests the Division enter its Order (1) amending Order No. R-1960 to include new provisions allowing for the pro rata reimbursement of the operator's costs of operations and supervision charges which may be adjusted annually, (2) further authorizing Applicant to sell a portion or all of the production attributable to the pooled working interest of the non-selling mineral interest owner, and (3) making such other provisions as may be proper.

PROPOSED EVIDENCE

APPLICANT

WITNESSES

Paul Rote, Landman

EST. TIME

45 Minutes

NO. OF EXHIBITS

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OPPOSITION

WITNESSES

EST. TIME

NO. OF EXHIBITS

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

None.

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