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**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 EL PASO E&P COMPANY,  
L.P. TO ABOLISH THE VAN BREMMER CANYON-  
VERMEJO GAS POOL, EXPAND THE CASTLE ROCK  
PARK- VERMEJO GAS POOL, AND ESTABLISH  
SPECIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE  
CASTLE ROCK PARK-VERMEJO GAS POOL,  
COLFAX COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

**Case No. 14,149**

**PRE-HEARING STATEMENT**

This pre-hearing statement is submitted by applicant as required by the Oil Conservation Division.

**APPEARANCES**

**APPLICANT**

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**OPPONENT**

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**STATEMENT OF THE CASE**

**APPLICANT**

Applicant seeks an order (i) abolishing the Van Bremmer Canyon-Vermejo Gas Pool, (ii) expanding the horizontal extent of the Castle Rock Park-Vermejo Gas Pool to include acreage formerly within the Van Bremmer Canyon-Vermejo Gas Pool, (iii) expanding the horizontal extent of the Castle Rock Park-Vermejo Gas Pool to include additional acreage, and (iv) instituting special rules and regulations for the Castle Rock Park-Vermejo Gas Pool, including: (a) 160 acre well units; (b) wells to be located no closer than 10 feet to a quarter section line or an interior quarter-quarter section line; (c) two wells per well unit, subject to the directional

drilling provisions of NMAC 19.15.3.111; (d) an administrative procedure for an exception to the well density provisions of the pool rules; and (e) a buffer zone where wells must be located in accordance with the Division's statewide well location rules. The Castle Rock Park-Vermejo Gas Pool, as expanded, will include lands in the following townships: 29N-18E, 29N-19E, 30N-17E, 30N-18E, 30N-19E, 31N-17E, and 31N-18E.

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**PROPOSED EVIDENCE**

APPLICANT

<u>WITNESSES</u>	<u>EST. TIME</u>	<u>EXHIBITS</u>
Gregory Reeves (landman) <a href="mailto:gregory.reeves@elpaso.com">gregory.reeves@elpaso.com</a>	20 min.	Approx. 8
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**PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

Applicant requests that this case be consolidated for hearing with Case No. 14150.

Respectfully submitted,



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