

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

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

**APPLICATION OF CIMAREX ENERGY CO. FOR
A NON-STANDARD OIL SPACING AND PRORATION
UNIT FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY,
NEW MEXICO.**

Case No. 14,154

PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

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

APPEARANCES

APPLICANT

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Attention: Carl Speight

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OPPONENT

OPPONENT'S ATTORNEY

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

APPLICANT

Cimarex Energy Co. seeks an order approving a non-standard oil spacing and proration unit (project area) comprised of the E/2NE/4 of Section 23, Township 15 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, to form a non-standard 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit (project area) for any and all formations or pools developed on 40-acre spacing within that vertical extent, including the Denton-Wolfcamp Pool, and pooling all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying the non-standard unit. The unit is to be dedicated to the Blanca 23 Fee Well No. 1, a horizontal well to be drilled at a surface location 2160 feet from the north line and 480 feet from the east line of Section 23, with a terminus 330 feet from the north line and 480 feet from the east line of Section 23. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing the well and the

allocation of the cost thereof, as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a 200% charge for the risk involved in drilling and completing the well.

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PROPOSED EVIDENCE

APPLICANT

<u>WITNESSES</u>	<u>EST. TIME</u>	<u>EXHIBITS</u>
Carl Speight (landman)	15 min.	Approx. 5
Dan Spancers (geologist)	15 min.	Approx. 4

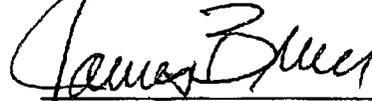
IF THIS CASE IS UNCONTESTED, IT WILL BE SUBMITTED BY AFFIDAVIT.

OPPONENT

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PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Respectfully submitted,



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