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 PURPOSES OF CONSIDERING:

APPLICATION OF THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR (A) COMPLIANCE ORDER AGAINST XERIC OIL & GAS CORPORATION ("XERIG").

RESPONDENT'S ENTRY OF APPEARANCE AND PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

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

APPEARANCES OF PARTIES

APPLICANT

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STATEMENT OF CASE

APPLICANT

The Applicant seeks an Order finding that Operator Xeric Oil & Gas Corporation ("Xeric") is in violation of rule 19.15.2.50 NMAC and the terms of APD Permit No. 1237 with regard to the West Pearl Unit #301 well and requiring Operator Xeric to comply with both the terms of the referenced Rule and Permit, or alternatively authorizing the division to plug the well and forfeit

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any applicable/available security in the event that Xeric fails to comply and assessing an appropriate civil penalty. The subject well is located approximately 16 miles Southwest of Hobbs in Lea County and is identified as follows:

West Pearl Queen Unit #301 30 -025-36791

RESPONDENT

APPLICANT

Xeric has completed remediation of the reserve drill pit associated with the above-referenced well. The environmental report has been submitted to the Division.

PROPOSED EVIDENCE

WITNESSES	ESTIMATED TIME	EXHIBITS
RESPONDENT		
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Ronald St. John	30 minutes	Approx. 5
Adam Hirschfeld	30 minutes	Approx. 10

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Xeric has none at this time.

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Ocean Munds-Dry Attorney for Xeric Oil & Gas Corporation

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on August 28, 2008 I served a copy of the foregoing document to the following by



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