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, CHAVES COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

Case No. 14,407

PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

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

APPEARANCES

APPLICANT

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STATEMENT OF THE CASE

APPLICANT

Cimarex Energy Co. seeks an order approving a non-standard oil spacing and proration unit (project area) in the Abo/Wolfcamp formation comprised of the N/2S/2 of Section 20, Township 15 South, Range 31 East, NMPM, to form a non-standard 160.00-acre oil spacing and proration unit (project area), and pooling all mineral interests in the Abo/Wolfcamp formation underlying the non-standard unit. The unit is to be dedicated to the Valley Forge 20 State Com. Well No. 2, a horizontal well to be drilled at a surface location 1980 feet from the south line and 375 feet from the west line, with a terminus 1980 feet from the south line and 375 feet from the east line, of Section 20. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing the well and the

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allocation of the cost thereof, as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado 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

<u>APPLICANT</u>

<u>WITNESSES</u> <u>EST. TIME</u> <u>EXHIBITS</u>

Hayden Tresner 15 min. Approx. 5

(landman)

Lee Catalano 15 min. Approx. 4

(geologist)

IF THIS MATTER IS UNOPPOSED IT WILL BE SUBMITTED BY AFFIDAVIT.

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PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Respectfully submitted,

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