

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 JOHN R. STEARNS FOR
AN UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION, LEA
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

Case No. 13203

PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

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

APPEARANCE OF PARTIES

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Opponent

Opponent's Attorney

STATEMENT OF CASE

Applicant

Applicant seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location in the
Morrow formation underlying the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 16, Township 9 South,
Range 37 East, NMPM. The unit will be dedicated to the existing
State 16 Well No. 1Y, which will be re-completed in the Morrow
formation.

Opponent

PROPOSED EVIDENCE

Applicant

Witnesses

Est. Time

Exhibits

Opposition or Other Party

Witnesses

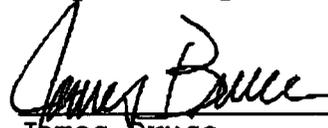
Est. Time

Exhibits

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

This application was submitted administratively, and was placed on the hearing docket due to the objection of one offsetting unleased mineral owner. If there are no objections at hearing, applicant requests that this matter be returned to the administrative docket.

Respectfully submitted,



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