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:

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CASE NO. 11152

JOINT APPLICATION OF TEXACO EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION INC. and MARATHON OIL COMPANY FOR A PRESSURE MAINTENANCE PROJECT, ETC., LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

This prehearing statement is submitted by Shell Western E&P Inc. as required by the Oil Conservation Division.

APPEARANCES OF PARTIES

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STATEMENT OF CASE

APPLICANT

Texaco and Marathon seek to institute a pressure maintenance project for the Vacuum-Drinkard Pool, together with related relief.

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OTHER PARTY

Shell is an offset operator to the proposed project, with two top allowable wells producing from the Vacuum-Drinkard Pool. Shell is in favor of the project. However, in order to protect its wells, Shell requests that a provision for lease line agreements between operators be incorporated into any order approving the project. A proposed provision is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

PROPOSED EVIDENCE

APPLICANT

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Shell does not intend to present any witnesses.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

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HINKLE, COX, EATON, COFFIELD & HENSLEY

By:

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing **Pre-Hearing** Statement were mailed this 22° day of November, 1994, to:

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Prior to commencing the drilling or recompletion of any injection wells located in the NW\[3]NE\[3] and N\[3]NW\[3] of Section 6, Township 18 South, Range 35 East, the NE\[3]NE\[3] of Section 1, Township 18 South, Range 34 East, and the E\[3]SE\[3] of Section 36, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, except for the proposed Texaco Exploration and Production Inc. N.M. "L" St. Well No. 16 to be located 1310 feet FNL and 10 feet FEL of Section 1, Township 18 South, Range 34 East, to be used for the proposed Vacuum Drinkard Pressure Maintenance Project or for any secondary or tertiary recovery project instituted thereafter, the operator of said acreage shall submit to the Santa Fe Office of the Division an Injection Lease Line Agreement executed by the operator and Shell Western E&P Inc., or any successor in interest to Shell Western E&P Inc.

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