# 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:

**APPLICANT** 

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APPLICATION OF ANSON GAS CORPORATION FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, A HIGH ANGLE/ HORIZONTAL DIRECTIONAL DRILLING PROJECT, A NON-STANDARD OIL PRORATION UNIT, AN UNORTHODOX BOTTOMHOLE OIL WELL LOCATION OR "PRODUCING AREA", SPECIAL OPERATING RULES THEREFOR, AND A SPECIAL PROJECT ALLOWABLE, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

Oil Conservation Division

CASE NO. 11372

ATTORNEY

## **PRE-HEARING STATEMENT**

This Pre-Hearing Statement is submitted by Campbell, Carr & Berge, P.A., as required by the Oil Conservation Division.

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#### STATEMENT OF CASE

## **APPLICANT**

(Please make a concise statement of what is being sought with this application and the reasons therefore.)

AnSon Gas Corporation, applicant in the above-styled cause, seeks to initiate a high angle/horizontal directional drilling project within the Devonian formation in an area comprising the E/2 NW/4 of Section 33, Township 16 South, Range 38 East, thereby forming a non-standard 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit. Applicant proposes to recomplete its existing Mary "33" Well No. 1, located at a standard surface oil well location 2040 feet from the North line and 2310 feet from the West line (Unit F) of said Section 33, by kicking off from vertical in a north-northeasterly direction, commencing to build angle at an appropriate rate in order to horizontally traverse the proposed project area. The applicant further seeks approval of an unorthodox bottomhole oil well location whereby the "producing area" for said wellbore would be no closer than 330 feet from the north, west and south boundaries of the 80-acre tract, nor closer than 90 feet to its eastern boundary. The applicant also requests the assignment of a special project allowable for the proposed oversized oil spacing and proration unit. Also to be considered in this matter is the applicant's request for an order pooling all mineral interests in the Devonian formation underlying said 80 acres. Also to be considered will be the cost of re-entering, recompleting, and horizontally drilling said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as the operator of the well and unit, and a charge for risk involved in re-entering, recompleting and horizontally drilling said well.

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# OTHER PARTY

(Please make a concise statement of the basis for opposing this application or otherwise state the position of the party filing this statement.)

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## PROPOSED EVIDENCE

## **APPLICANT**

WITNESSES EST. TIME EXHIBITS (Name and expertise)

Al Swanson, Landman 20 Min. Approximately 9

Hal E. Hawthorne, Geologist 20 Min. Approximately 3

# OTHER PARTY

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### PROCEDURAL MATTERS

(Please identify any procedural matters which need to be resolved prior to hearing)

Signature