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:



CASE NO. 11481

APPLICATION OF NEARBURG EXPLORATION COMPANY FOR AN UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

This pre-hearing statement is submitted by NEARBURG EXPLORATION CORPORATION, as required by the Oil Conservation Division.

APPEARANCE OF PARTIES

APPLICANT

ATTORNEY

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OPPONENTS

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Jim Bruce

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STATEMENT OF CASE

APPLICANT:

Nearburg has a working interest ownership in the oil and gas minerals from the top of the Wolfcamp formation to the base of the Morrow formation underlying the W/2 of Section 10, T24S, R26E, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

The subject tract is located within one-mile of the current boundaries of the South Carlsbad-Morrow Gas Pool, and the White City-0Pwennsylvanian Gas Pool.

The subject well is to be drilled at an unorthodox gas well location 990 feet from the West line and 1330 feet from the North line (Unit E) of Section 10 to test any and all formations from the top of the Wolfcamp formation to the base of the Morrow formation.

The unorthodox location is based upon an effort to minimize the geologic risk involved in drilling this well to the Morrow formation by placing it at the optimum location for Morrow formation production.

PROPOSED EVIDENCE

APPLICANT:

WITNESSES	EST. TIME	E EXHIBITS
MIke Gray (landman)	10 min.	@ 2 exhibits
Jerry Elger (geologist)	30 Min.	@ 3 exhibits
Tim McDonald (Petroleum Engineer)	30 Min	@ 6 exhibits

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PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Mallon has filed a motion requesting a two weeks continuance. Nearburg is opposed to the continuance.

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