

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**

*MS.*

**CASE NO. 11834**

**APPLICATION OF MARATHON OIL  
COMPANY FOR COMPULSORY POOLING,  
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

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Oil Conservation Division

**PRE-HEARING STATEMENT**

This pre-hearing statement is submitted by Marathon Oil Company, as required by the Oil Conservation Division.

**APPEARANCE OF PARTIES**

**APPLICANT**

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**STATEMENT OF CASE**

Marathon has a working interest ownership in the oil and gas minerals from 500 feet below the top of the San Andres formation to the base of the Morrow formation underlying the W/2 of Section 27, T18S, R28E, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

The subject tract is located within one-mile of the current boundaries of the North Turkey Track-Morrow Gas Pool.

Marathon proposes to drill its Crockett "27" State Well No. 1 at a standard gas well location in Unit K of Section 27 to test any and all formations in the pooled interval from 500 feet below the top of the San Andres formation to the base of the Morrow formation and to be dedicated to the appropriate sized spacing unit for the appropriate pool.

Despite its good faith efforts, Marathon has been unable to obtain a written voluntary agreement from all of the parties.

Pursuant to Section 70-2-17(c) NMSA (1978) and in order to obtain its just and equitable share of potential production underlying this spacing unit, the applicant needs an order of the Division pooling the identified and described mineral interests involved in order to protect correlative rights and prevent waste.

### **PROPOSED EVIDENCE**

#### **APPLICANT:**

#### **WITNESSES**

#### **EST. TIME EXHIBITS**

Tim Robertson (landman)

15 Min. @ 6 exhibits

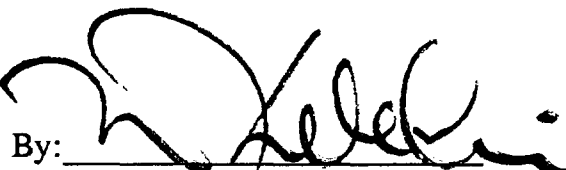
Bill DeMis (geologist)

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### **PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

None anticipated at this time

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