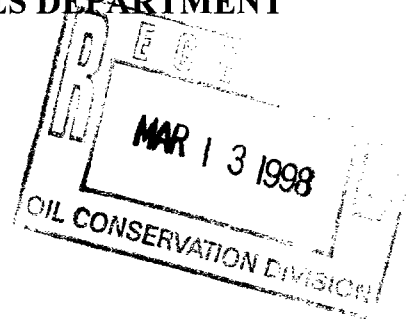


**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION
DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF
CONSIDERING:



APPLICATION OF SONAT EXPLORATION
COMPANY FOR BLANKET SURFACE COMMINGLING,
EDDY AND LEA COUNTIES, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO. 11948

PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

This Prehearing Statement is submitted by Campbell, Carr & Berge & Sheridan, P.A.,
as required by the Oil Conservation Division.

APPEARANCES OF PARTIES

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contact person

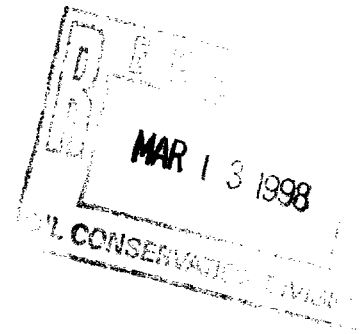
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OTHER PARTY

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STATEMENT OF CASE

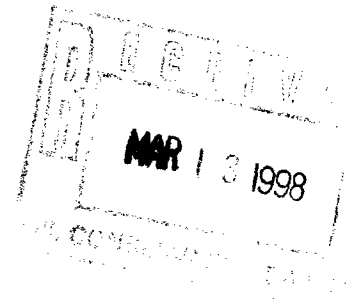
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(Please make a concise statement of what is being sought with this application and the reasons therefore.)

Sonat Exploration Company, applicant in the above-captioned case, seeks blanket approval to surface commingle Delaware production within ten federal leases from all existing wells and any wells to be drilled within a Project Area which includes all or portions of Sections 1, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 15, Township 24 South, Range 31 East, and portions of Section 18, Township 24 South, Range 32 East.

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.)



PROPOSED EVIDENCE

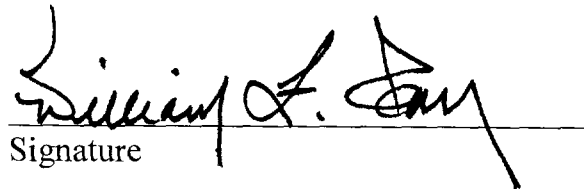
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WITNESSES (Name and expertise)	EST. TIME	EXHIBITS
Chad Shaw, Land	15 Min.	Approximately 7
Todd Moehlenbrock, Engineer	15 Min.	Approximately 4

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PROCEDURAL MATTERS

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


Signature