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. 12284

APPLICATION OF MCELVAIN OIL AND GAS PROPERTIES, INC. FOR COMPULSORY POOLING AND AN UNORTHODOX WELL LOCATION RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

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

APPLICANT

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STATEMENT OF CASE

APPLICANT

Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the base of the Pictured Cliffs formation to the base of the Dakota formation, underlying the following described acreage in Section 33. Township 26 North, Range 2 West, in the following manner: (a) the S/2 to form a standard 320 acre spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on a 320 acre spacing within this vertical extent which presently includes, but is not necessarily limited to the Blanco-Mesaverde Pool, Basin-Dakota Pool, and Undesignated Gavilan Greenhorn-Graneros-Dakota Pool; (b) the SE/4 to form a standard 160-acre spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within this vertical extent which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated Northeast Ojito Gallup-Dakota Pool; and (c) the NW/4 SE/4 to form a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on a40-acre spacing within this vertical extent. All three units are to be dedicated to a single well, the proposed Cougar Com. "33" Well No. 1, to be drilled 1970 feet from the South line and 2125 feet from the East line (Unit J) of Section 33. This location: i) is considered standard for the Blanco-Mesaverde Pool and for all formation spaced on 40 acres; (ii) is unorthodox for the Undesignated Gavilan Greenhorn-Graneros-Dakota Oil Pool and for all formation spaced on 160 acres; and (iii) has been approved as an unorthodox gas well location for the Basin-Dakota Pool by Division Administrative Order NSL-4370 dated October 25, 1999. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing the well and the allocation of the costs thereof, as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as the operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling the well. The proposed well location is approximately 9 miles north of Lindrith, New Mexico.

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OPPOSITION OR 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

APPLICANT

WITNESSES EST. TIME (Name and expertise)

EXHIBITS

George Broome (Landman)

15 minutes

Approx. 4

John Steuble

10 minutes

Approx. 6

OPPOSITION

WITNESSES (Name and expertise)

EST. TIME

EXHIBITS

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Signature

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that on this 12 day of November, 1999, I have caused to be hand-delivered a copy of our Pre-Hearing Statement in the above-captioned cases to the following counsel of record:

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