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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF McELVAIN OIL & GAS PROPERTIES, INC. FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO. CASE NO. 12375 10 PH 12: 44

## **APPLICATION**

McELVAIN OIL AND GAS PROPERTIES, INC. ("McElvain"), through its undersigned attorneys, hereby makes application pursuant to the provisions of N.M.Stat.Ann. § 70-2-17, (1978), for an order pooling all mineral interests in all formations from the base of the Pictured Cliffs formation to the base of the Dakota formation in the S/2 in the Section 29, Township 26 North, Range 2 West, N.M.P.M., Rio Arriba County, New Mexico for all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing in, and in support of this application states:

- 1. McElvain is a working interest owner in the S/2 of said Section 29 and has the right to drill thereon.
- 2. McElvain proposes to dedicate the above-referenced spacing or proration unit to its Bear Com 29 Well No. 1 to be drilled at a standard location 1825 feet from the South line and 1770 feet from the East line of said Section 29, to a depth sufficient to test any and all pooled formations to the base of the Dakota formation, Basin-Dakota Gas Pool.
  - 3. Applicant has sought and been unable to obtain either voluntary agreement for

pooling or farmout from certain interest owners in the subject spacing units identified on Exhibit A to this application.

- 4. Said pooling of interests will avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, will prevent waste and will protect correlative rights.
- 5. In order to permit the Applicant to obtain its just and fair share of the oil and gas underlying the subject lands, all mineral interests should be pooled, and McElvain Oil & Gas Properties, Inc. should be designated the operator of the well to be drilled.

WHEREFORE, McElvain Oil & Gas Properties, Inc. requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on May 4, 2000, and, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter its order:

- A. pooling all mineral interests in the subject spacing and proration units,
- B. designating McElvain Oil & Gas Properties, Inc. operator of the unit and the well to be drilled thereon,
- C. authorizing McElvain to recover its costs of drilling, equipping and completing the well,
- D. approving the actual operating charges and costs of supervision while drilling and after completion, together with a provision adjusting the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedures, and
- E. imposing a penalty for the risk assumed by McElvain in drilling and completing the well against any working interest owner who does not voluntarily participate in the drilling of the well.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **EXHIBIT A**

## APPLICATION OF McELVAIN OIL & GAS PROPERTIES, INC. FOR COMPULSORY POOLING S/2 OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, N.M.P.M. RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

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Dugan Production Corporation Post Office Box 420 Farmington, New Mexico 87499-0420 CASE <u>12395</u>:

Application of McElvain Oil & Gas Properties, Inc. for compulsory pooling, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant in the abovestyled cause seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in all formations from the base of the Pictured Cliffs formation to the base of the Dakota formation in S/2 of Section 29, Township 26 North, Range 2 West, N.M.P.M. for all formations and or pools developed on 320acre spacing to be dedicated to its Bear Com 29 Well No. 1 to be drilled to a depth sufficient to test all formations in the pooled interval including, but not necessarily limited to the Blanco-Mesaverde Gas Pool and the Basin-Dakota Gas Pool, at a standard location in the SE/4 of said Section 29. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located approximately 10 miles north of Lindrith, New Mexico.