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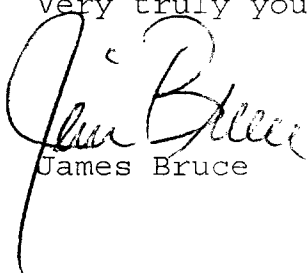
August 16, 2002

Florene Davidson
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Dear Florene:

Enclosed for filing is a pre-hearing statement in Case No. 12902.

Very truly yours,


James Bruce

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

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

APPLICATION OF RICKS EXPLORATION
INC. FOR COMPULSORY POOLING,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

No. 12902

PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

This pre-hearing statement is submitted by Ricks Exploration Inc. as required by the Oil Conservation Division.

APPEARANCES

APPLICANT

Ricks Exploration Inc.
3000 Oklahoma Tower
210 Park Avenue
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102

Attention: Cliff Merritt
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OPPONENT

Matrix Production Company

OPPONENT'S ATTORNEY

Paul R. Owen

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

APPLICANT

Ricks Exploration Inc. seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Wolfcamp formation underlying the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 27, Township 12 South, Range 38 East, NMPM, to form a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any formations and/or pools developed on 40-acre spacing, including the Undesignated Trinity-Wolfcamp Pool. The unit is to be dedicated to the Burrus Well No. 5, to be drilled at an orthodox oil well location in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 27. The only party being pooled is Matrix Production Company, which has objected to the application.

OPPONENT

PROPOSED EVIDENCE

APPLICANT

<u>WITNESSES</u>	<u>EST. TIME</u>	<u>EXHIBITS</u>
Cliff Merritt (landman)	20 min.	1. Land plat 2. Correspondence 3. AFE 4. Notice affidavit
Michael M. Gray (landman)	5 min.	None
_____ (geologist)	15 min.	1. Structure map 2. Isopach 3. Cross-section

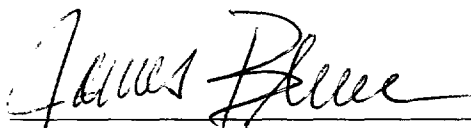
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PROCEDURAL MATTERS

-None-

Respectfully submitted,



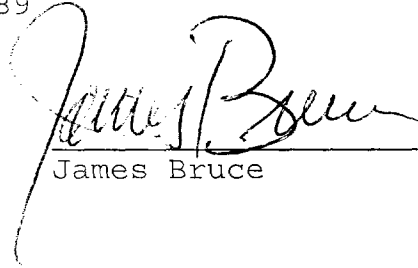
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing pleading was served upon the following counsel of record via facsimile transmission this 16th day of August, 2002:

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