



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. 10704

APPLICATION OF MARATHON OIL COMPANY
TO AMEND DIVISION ORDER NO. R-9503
TO INCREASE THE VERTICAL LIMITS
AUTHORIZED FOR INJECTION IN CERTAIN
INJECTION WELLS IN A WATERFLOOD PROJECT,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

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

APPEARANCE OF PARTIES

APPLICANT

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STATEMENT OF CASE

APPLICANT:

Marathon Oil Company seeks to increase the vertical limits of the authorized injection interval in its injection well No. 33, 34 and 40 as set forth in Division Order R-9503.

Marathon Oil Company has obtained data which demonstrate that the injection interval of the subject wells can be increased to allow Marathon the opportunity to recover additional oil in its project.

Approval of the increase will still provide adequate separation between the project and the Jalmat gas pool.

OPPOSITION OR OTHER PARTY

N/A