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

APPLICATION FOR AN ACCOUNTING FROM MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY UNDER ORDER NOS. R- 21292 AND R-21293 AND TO DECLARE CERTAIN ACCOUNTING PRACTICES IMPROPER

## PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

SIANA OIL & GAS CO. ("Siana") provides this pre-hearing statement as required by the rules of the Division.

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## **APPLICANT**

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#### STATEMENT OF THE CASE

In this case, Siana seeks an order requiring Mewbourne Oil Company ("Mewbourne") to provide an accounting under Order Nos. R-21292 and R-21293 ("Orders") and declaring certain accounting practices as improper and in violation of the Orders and New Mexico law. Order No. R-21292 (Case No. 21156) pooled a 240-acre horizontal spacing unit ("HSU") located in the W2 E2 of Section 26 and the W2 SE4 of Section 23, all in Township 21 South, Range 34 East, dedicated to the Inland 26/23 B2OJ State Com Well No. 1H, API# 30-025-46931. Order No. R-21293 (Case No. 21157) pooled a 240-acre HSU in the E2 E2 of Section 26 and the E2 SE4 of Section 23, all in Township 21S, Range 34 East, dedicated to the Inland 26/23 B2PI State Com Well No. 1H, 30-025-45283. The wells are located approximately 12.5 miles west of Eunice, New Mexico.

As explained in the application, Mewbourne has acted wrongfully in holding overages on estimated costs paid by Siana, taking improper deductions from the overages on estimated costs paid by Siana for costs unrelated to drilling and completion and for costs unrelated to the pertinent wells, holding proceeds in suspense without justification, refusing to allow Siana to take its production in-kind, and otherwise violating numerous provisions of the above-referenced Orders. Siana will present evidence in support of its claims at hearing.

### PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Siana anticipates that this case will be heard as a status conference on January 6, 2022. Siana has also filed a related application in Case No. 22439, seeking to Amend Order Nos. R-21804 and R-21805 to Extend Time for Paying Estimated Costs. Siana anticipates that Case Nos. 22378 and 22439 will be consolidated for purposes of a contested hearing on a date to be set in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### **QUESTIONS**

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Testimony	
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