

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

**APPLICATION OF CIMAREX ENERGY CO.,
FOR A HORIZONTAL SPACING UNIT AND
COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

Case No. 22755

PREHEARING STATEMENT

Cimarex Energy Co. (“Cimarex”), OGRID No. 215099, through its undersigned attorneys, submits the following Prehearing Statement pursuant to the rules of the Oil Conservation Division (“Division”).

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APPLICANT'S STATEMENT OF CASE

In Case No. 22755, Cimarex seeks an order (1) establishing a standard 320-acre, more or less, spacing and proration unit comprised of the W/2 E/2 of Sections 21 and 28, Township 19 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, and (2) pooling all uncommitted mineral interests from the top of the Quail Ridge; Bone Spring Pool [Code 50460] to a depth of 10,527 feet, designated as an oil pool, underlying said unit. Cimarex proposes and dedicates to the horizontal spacing and proration unit ("HSU") the **Mescalero Ridge 21-28 Fed Com 3H Well**, an oil well, to be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the NW/4 NE/4 (Unit B) of Section 21 to a bottom hole location in the SW/4 SE/4 (Unit O) of Section 28, and the **Mescalero Ridge 21-28 Fed Com 5H Well**, an oil well, to be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the NW/4 NE/4 (Unit B) of Section 21 to a bottom hole location in the SW/4 SE/4 (Unit O) of Section 28.

Cimarex has sought in good faith, but has been unable to obtain, voluntary agreement from all interest owners to participate in the drilling of the wells or in the commitment of their interests to the wells for development within the HSU. The pooling of all interests in the Bone Spring formation within the proposed HSU, and establishing the spacing unit, will avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

The proposed wells are orthodox in their location, and the take points and completed intervals comply with setback requirements under the statewide rules.

A depth severance exists in the Bone Spring formation within the proposed HSU. Accordingly, Cimarex seeks to pool a portion of the Quail Spring; Bone Spring pool [Code 50460], to include the 1st and 2nd Bone Spring formations of said pool, from the top of the pool at a stratigraphic equivalent of 8,085 feet measured depth, as defined in the Triple Combo Log in the Mescalero Ridge 20 Federal 1 well (API No. 30-025-36099), to a depth of 10,527 feet, that being the base of the 2nd Bone Spring. Cimarex has provided notice of this hearing to the vertical offset parties within the pool who are not subject to the pooling application. Concurrently with this application, Cimarex is also seeking to pool the portion of this pool below the depth severance, to include the 3rd Bone Spring, in Case No. 22754.

APPLICANT’S PROPOSED EVIDENCE

WITNESS	ESTIMATED TIME	EXHIBITS
Landman: John Coffman	Approx. 10 min	Approx. 5
Geologist: Staci Mueller	Approx. 10 min	Approx. 6

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Cimarex requests that, for purposes of the hearings, this Case No. 22755 be consolidated with Case Nos. 22754 and 22756 as they involve units within the same sections. No protests or objections have been filed and Cimarex does not anticipate any at this time; consequently, Cimarex plans to conduct the hearing by affidavit.

Cimarex submitted its publication notice to the Hobb-News Sun newspaper in an appropriate time for successful publication; however, the newspaper informed Cimarex that, along with a number of other party's submittals, the publishing date for notice had to be pushed back a day because of the excessive volume of publication notices submitted during this cycle. Consequently, publication notice was not timely by a day. Pursuant to the OCD's letter, "Clarification of Notices for OCD Hearing Guidelines and Compulsory Pooling Applications," dated effective January 23, 2020, Cimarex will submit a Motion for Continuance requesting a bifurcation of the publication notice from the other matters to be heard on May 5, 2022, so the matter of publication notice can be satisfied at the May 19, 2022, Docket. Cimarex has informed counsel of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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QUESTIONS

Testimony	
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Number of witnesses	2
Testimony time (in minutes)	20