

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

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

**Case Nos. 23452, 23453, 23454 & 23455**

**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”) for the above referenced Cases which are consolidated with the Case Nos. 23448-23451, 23594 – 23601 and 23508 – 23523 for a contested hearing pursuant to that certain “Further Amended Pre-Hearing Order” issued on June 8, 2023. This Prehearing Statement describes Cimarex’s Case Nos. 23452- 23455, which propose to pool the Bone Spring formation underlying Sections 4 and 9, in Township 20 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County (“Subject Lands”) and which compete directly against Case Nos. 23508 – 23511 filed by Read & Stevens, Inc., in association with Permian Resources Operating, LLC (collectively referred to herein as “Permian Resources”) which also propose to pool the Bone Spring formation underlying the Subject Lands.

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**APPLICANT'S STATEMENT OF THE CASES**

Cimarex provides this Prehearing Statement to provide a summary of Case Nos. 23452, 23453, 23454 and 23455. These four cases seek to develop the Bone Spring formation in the Subject Lands (i.e., Sections 4 and 9), and these cases are grouped and organized in a logical manner to present to the Division an intelligible overview of the cases that can be readily followed.

In Case No. 23452, Cimarex seeks an order pooling all uncommitted mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation, more specifically, from a stratigraphic equivalent of 9,373 feet (that being the top of 1<sup>st</sup> Bone Spring) in the Quail Ridge; Bone Spring formation [Pool Code 50460], a depth as defined on the log for the Hudson Federal #1 Well (API No. 30-025-32819), to a stratigraphic equivalent of 10,845 feet, as defined by same Well, that being the base of the Bone Spring formation, designated as an oil pool, underlying a standard 320.89-acre, more or less, spacing and proration unit comprised of Lot 1 (NE/4 NE/4 equivalent), the SE/4 NE/4, and the E/2 SE/4 of Section 4 and the E/2 E/2 of Section 9, in Township 20 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. Cimarex proposes and dedicates to the unit the **Loosey Goosey 4-9 Fed Com 204H Well** and the **Loosey Goosey 4-9 Fed Com 304H Well**, as initial wells, to be drilled to a sufficient depth to test the Bone Spring formation. The proposed wells are orthodox in their locations, and the take points and completed intervals comply with setback requirements under statewide rules.

In Case No. 23453, Cimarex seeks an order pooling all uncommitted mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation, more specifically, from a stratigraphic equivalent of 9,373 feet (that being the top of 1<sup>st</sup> Bone Spring) in the Quail Ridge; Bone Spring formation [Pool Code 50460], a depth as defined on the log for the Hudson Federal #1 Well (API No. 30-025-32819), to a stratigraphic equivalent of 10,845 feet, as defined by same Well, that being the base of the Bone

Spring formation, designated as an oil pool, underlying a standard 320.21-acre, more or less, spacing and proration unit comprised of Lot 4 (NW/4 NW/4 equivalent), the SW/4 NW/4, and the W/2 SW/4 of Section 4 and the W/2 W/2 of Section 9, in Township 20 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. Cimarex proposes and dedicates to the unit the **Loosey Goosey 4-9 Fed Com 301H Well**, as the initial well, to be drilled to a sufficient depth to test the Bone Spring formation. The proposed well is orthodox in its location, and the take points and completed interval comply with setback requirements under statewide rules.

In Case No. 23454, Cimarex seeks an order pooling all uncommitted mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation, more specifically, from a stratigraphic equivalent of 9,373 feet (that being the top of 1<sup>st</sup> Bone Spring) in the Quail Ridge; Bone Spring formation [Pool Code 50460], a depth as defined on the log for the Hudson Federal #1 Well (API No. 30-025-32819), to a stratigraphic equivalent of 10,845 feet, as defined by same Well, that being the base of the Bone Spring formation, designated as an oil pool, underlying a standard 320.44-acre, more or less, spacing and proration unit comprised of Lot 3 (NE/4 NW/4 equivalent), the SE/4 NW/4, and the E/2 SW/4 of Section 4 and the E/2 W/2 of Section 9, in Township 20 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. Cimarex proposes and dedicates to the unit the **Loosey Goosey 4-9 Fed Com 302H Well**, as the initial well, to be drilled to a sufficient depth to test the Bone Spring formation. The proposed well is orthodox in its location, and the take points and completed interval comply with setback requirements under statewide rules.

In Case No. 23455, Cimarex seeks an order pooling all uncommitted mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation, more specifically, from a stratigraphic equivalent of 9,373 feet (that being the top of 1<sup>st</sup> Bone Spring) in the Quail Ridge; Bone Spring formation [Pool Code 50460], a depth as defined on the log for the Hudson Federal #1 Well (API No. 30-025-32819), to a

stratigraphic equivalent of 10,845 feet, as defined by same Well, that being the base of the Bone Spring formation, designated as an oil pool, underlying a standard 320.66-acre, more or less, spacing and proration unit comprised of Lot 2 (NW/4 NE/4 equivalent), the SW/4 NE/4, and the W/2 SE/4 of Section 4 and the W/2 E/2 of Section 9, in Township 20 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. Cimarex proposes and dedicates to the unit the **Loosey Goosey 4-9 Fed Com 303H Well**, as the initial well, to be drilled to a sufficient depth to test the Bone Spring formation. The proposed well is orthodox in its location, and the take points and completed interval comply with setback requirements under statewide rules.

Cimarex's four cases described herein and its plans for development compete directly with Case Nos. 23508, 23509, 23510, and 23511 filed by Permian Resources for the Subject Lands. In Case No. 23508, Permian Resources seeks to pool all uncommitted interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying a standard 320-acre, more or less, spacing and proration unit comprised of Lot 4 (NW/4 NW/4 equivalent), the SW/4 NW/4, and the W/2 SW/4 of Section 4 and the W/2 W/2 of Section 9, in Township 20 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, dedicating the Bane 4-9 Federal Com 111H, 121H, 122H, 171H, and 131H wells to said unit.

In Case No. 23509, Permian Resources seeks to pool all uncommitted interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying a standard 320-acre, more or less, spacing and proration unit comprised of Lot 3 (NE/4 NW/4 equivalent), the SE/4 NW/4, and the E/2 SW/4 of Section 4 and the E/2 W/2 of Section 9, in Township 20 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, dedicating the Bane 4-9 Federal Com 112H, 123H, 124H, 172H, and 132H wells to said unit.

In Case No. 23510, Permian Resources seeks to pool all uncommitted interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying a standard 320-acre, more or less, spacing and proration unit

comprised of Lot 2 (NW/4 NE/4 equivalent), the SW/4 NE/4, and the W/2 SE/4 of Section 4 and the W/2 E/2 of Section 9, in Township 20 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, dedicating the Bane 4-9 Federal Com 113H, 125H, 126H, 173H, and 133H wells to said unit.

In Case No. 23511, Permian Resources seeks to pool all uncommitted interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying a standard 320-acre, more or less, spacing and proration unit comprised of Lot 1 (NE/4 NE/4 equivalent), the SE/4 NE/4, and the E/2 SE/4 of Section 4 and the E/2 E/2 of Section 9, in Township 20 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, dedicating the Bane 4-9 Federal Com 114H, 127H, 128H, 174H, and 134H wells to said unit.

**APPLICANT’S PROPOSED EVIDENCE AND WITNESS QUALIFICATIONS**

WITNESS	ESTIMATED TIME	EXHIBITS
Landman: John Coffman Qualifications: I graduated in 2018 from Texas Tech University with a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration with an emphasis on Energy Commerce. I have worked at Cimarex for approximately 4 years, and I have been working in New Mexico for 4 years. My credentials as an expert witness in petroleum land matters have been accepted by the Division and made a matter of record.	Approx. 45 min	Approx. 9
Geologist: Staci Meuller Qualifications: I have a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geophysical Engineering from Colorado School of Mines, and a Master of Science Degree in Geophysics from Colorado School of Mines. I have worked on New Mexico Oil and Gas matters since July 2018. My credentials as an expert witness in geology have been accepted by the Division and made a matter of record.	Approx. 45 min	Approx. 21
Reservoir Engineer: Eddie Behm Qualifications: I attended the University of Tulsa and graduated with a bachelor’s in petroleum engineering in 2011. I have worked for Occidental, California Resources prior to working for Cimarex and have been employed as a Production and Reservoir engineer for Cimarex for the last 6 years, working in the Delaware Basin with a primary focus on Lea County, New Mexico. I have previously testified before the Division as an expert reservoir engineer, and my credentials have been accepted of record.	Approx. 45 minutes	Approx. 17
Facilities Engineer: Calvin Boyle Qualifications: I attended the University of Oklahoma and graduated with a bachelor’s in petroleum engineering in 2016 followed by Oklahoma State University where I graduated	Available for questions (15 min)	Approx. 1

with a Master of Business Administration in 2018. I worked for Halliburton prior to working for Cimarex Energy Co. ("Cimarex") and have been employed as a Field, Production, and Facilities engineer for Cimarex for the last 4 years, working in the Delaware Basin with a primary focus on Lea County, New Mexico. I am familiar with the subject applications filed in the above-referenced Cases and the engineering involved. I have not testified previously before the Division and am providing a one page resume.

**LIST OF MATERIAL FACTS NOT IN DISPUTE**

Parties are in general agreement that the Bone Spring formation underlying the Subject Lands would be productive if developed and should be developed; however, there are factual differences regarding the best way to achieve optimum development and productivity or the Bone Spring.

**LIST OF DISPUTED FACTS AND ISSUES**

The central issue in Cimarex's Case Nos. 23452 – 23455 and Permian Resources' competing Case Nos. 23508 – 23511 is which party should be the designated operator for the Bone Spring formation in the Subject Lands. In addition, there are specific disagreements between the parties regarding (1) the number of wells that should be used to develop the Bone Spring, (2) the depths and spacing of the wells, (3) the costs of developing the Bone Spring underlying the Subject Lands; and (4) a dispute about whether the Upper Wolfcamp should be drilled and developed (Cimarex asserts that the drilling of the Upper Wolfcamp would result in waste and harm to correlative rights; while Permian Resources proposes to drill the Upper Wolfcamp).

**PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

This contested hearing includes Cimarex's Case Nos. 23452 – 23455 and Permian Resources' competing applications in Case Nos. 23508 – 23511, as described herein, but the hearing also includes numerous additional cases for the Bone Spring in Sections 5 and 8, Township

20 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, and consideration of whether to drill the Wolfcamp formation. In all, the Division will need to review and consider 32 cases addressing both the Bone Spring and Wolfcamp in Sections 5 and 8 and Sections 4 and 9, all in Township 20 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. The Prehearing Statements submitted in these matters, three Prehearing Statements in all, are organized in an effort to provide a manageable approach to reviewing the cases by addressing (1) the 8 competing cases in the Bone Spring for Sections 5 and 8; (2) the 8 competing cases in the Bone Spring for Sections 4 and 9; and finally (3) the status of the competing cases filed for the Wolfcamp formation in both Sections 4 and 9 and Sections 5 and 8.

Respectfully submitted,

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**QUESTIONS**

<b>Testimony</b>	
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Number of witnesses	4
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