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

APPLICATION OF FORTY ACRES ENERGY, LLC FOR CERTIFICATION OF A POSITIVE PRODUCTION RESPONSE AND UPDATE ON THE PROGRESS, PRODUCTION RESULTS, AND EXPECTED PLANS OF WATERFLOOD PROJECT, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

**CASE NO. 23909** 

### PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

Forty Acres Energy, LLC ("FAE" or "Applicant") submits its Pre-Hearing Statement pursuant to the rules of the Oil Conservation Division.

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INTERESTED PARTY ATTORNEYS

None.

# STATEMENT OF THE CASE

FAE applies to the Division: (1) for certification of a positive production response for purposes of the Recovered Oil Tax Rate; and (2) to provide an update on the progress, production results, and expected plans of the West Eumont Unit Secondary Recovery Project ("Project") in accordance with the requirements of Order No. R-14616 ("Order"). The Order designated Applicant as the operator of the West Eumont Unit ("Unit"), which covers the following described

7,977.30 acres (more or less) of federal, state, and fee lands in Township 20 South, Range 36 East, and Township 21 South, Range 35 East, Lee, County, New Mexico:

# Township 20 South, Range 36 East, NMPM

Section 21: S/2

Section 22: NE/4 and S/2 Sections 26-28: All

Section 29: NE/4 Section 32: E/2

Sections 33-35: All

# Township 21 South, Range 35 East, NMPM

Section 1: Lots 3-6 and 11-14, and SW/4 (W/2 Equivalent)

Section 2: Lots 1-16 and S/2 (All) Section 3: Lots 1-16 and S/2 (All)

Section 11: N/2 Section 12: NW/4

Applicant proposed to implement a secondary recovery project within the Unit. The Division approved the Unit and Project and found that the Project met the criteria for certification by the Division as a qualified "Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR) Project" pursuant to NMSA 1978, Sections 7-29A-1 through 7-29A-5. The Division further found that the certified project area should consist of the Unit area.

Applicant requests that the Division enter an order certifying to the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department that the wells and area identified in this application are eligible for the EOR tax rate. Applicant also seeks to provide an update on the progress, production results and expected plans of the Project in accordance with the Order. The Project area is centered approximately 5 miles northwest of Oil Center, New Mexico.

## **PROPOSED EVIDENCE**

Witness	Occupation	<b>Estimated Time</b>	<b>Exhibits</b>
Huxley Song	Engineer and Chief Executive	Affidavit	Approx. 5
	Officer		

# **PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

Applicant will present this case by affidavit if there is no opposition to its application.

Respectfully submitted,

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QUESTIONS

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#### **QUESTIONS**

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#### QUESTIONS

Testimony			
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Number of witnesses	Not answered.		
Testimony time (in minutes)	Not answered.		