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

APPLICATION OF MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY FOR A NON-STANDARD SPACING AND PRORATION UNIT AND COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

**CASE NO. 16279** 

### PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

Cimarex Energy Co. ("Cimarex") submits this Pre-Hearing Statement for the above-referenced case pursuant to the rules of the Oil Conservation Division.

#### **APPEARANCES**

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#### STATEMENT OF THE CASE

#### **APPLICANT**

Melbourne Oil Company has filed an application seeking an order: (1) approving a 200 acre non-standard oil spacing and proration unit in the Bone Spring formation comprised of the SE/4SW/4 and S/2SE/4 of Sections 11 and the S/2SW/4 of Section 12, Township 19 South, Range 29 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico, and (2) pooling all mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying the non-standard Unit.

#### **OPPONENT**

Cimarex believes it owns a contractual interest in the lands that are the subject of the application of one or more joint operating agreements. Applicant failed to give notice of its well proposal pursuant to those agreements or to seek voluntary pooling of Cimarex's interest, and therefore compulsory pooling under NMSA 70-2-17 NMSA (1978) is improper.

#### PROPOSED EVIDENCE

#### **CIMAREX:**

WITNESS	ESTIMATED TIME	<b>EXHIBITS</b>
Cayla Gorski – Landman	Approx. 20	Approx. 5
Lauren Copley – Geologist	Approx. 15	Approx. 4
Adam Meeks – Petroleum Engineer	Approx. 15	Approx. 4

#### PROCEDURAL MATTERS

In order to allow for the title issues to be resolved and the time for an election to participate in the well under the applicable Joint Operating Agreements, Cimarex requests that the case e continued to the July 26, 2018 docket.

Respectfully submitted,

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served on the following counsel of record by electronic mail on July 5, 2018:

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