

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

**APPLICATION OF TAP ROCK OPERATING, LLC  
FOR A STANDARD HORIZONTAL SPACING AND  
PRORATION UNIT AND COMPULSORY POOLING,  
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

**CASE NO. 16467**

**MARATHON OIL COMPANY'S PRE-HEARING STATEMENT**

Marathon Oil Company ("Marathon"), submits this Pre-Hearing Statement for the above-referenced case pursuant to the rules of the Oil Conservation Division.

**APPEARANCES**

**APPLICANT**

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**OPPONENT/INTERVENOR:**

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**STATEMENT OF CASE**

**APPLICANT:**

Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks an order creating a standard 640-acre,

more or less, horizontal spacing and proration unit comprised of the N/2 of Section 7 and the N/2 of Section 8, Township 23 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico and pooling all uncommitted interests in the Bone Spring formation.

**OPPONENT/INTERVENOR:**

Marathon opposes this application to protect its correlative rights and to present arguments to demonstrate that granting the application will not promote the prevention of waste.

**PROPOSED EVIDENCE**

**APPLICANT:**

<u>WITNESS</u>	<u>ESTIMATED TIME</u>	<u>EXHIBITS</u>
Matt Tate– Landman	Approx. 15	Approx. 5
TBD – Geologist	Approx. 10	Approx. 4

**PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

Marathon respectfully requests a continuance to November 15, 2018, so that it can fully consider the well proposal submitted by the applicant.

Respectfully submitted,

**MODRALL, SPERLING, ROEHL, HARRIS  
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served on counsel of record by electronic mail on October 25, 2018:

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