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

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

APPLICATION OF CIMAREX ENERGY CO. FOR A NON-STANDARD OIL SPACING AND PRORATION UNIT AND COMPULSORY POOLING, CHAVES COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

Case No. 14,730

PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

This pre-hearing statement is submitted by Cimarex Energy Co. as required by the Oil Conservation Division.

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APPLICANT

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STATEMENT OF THE CASE

APPLICANT

Cimarex Energy Co. seeks an order approving a 160.00-acre non-standard oil spacing and proration unit (project area) in the Abo/Wolfcamp formation comprising the S/2N/2 of Section 3, Township 15 South, Range 31 East, NMPM. Applicant further seeks the pooling of all mineral interests (i) from the surface to the top of the Abo/Wolfcamp formation underlying the SE/4NE/4 of Section 3 to form a standard 40.00 acre oil spacing and proration unit, and (ii) in the Abo/Wolfcamp formation underlying the S/2N/2 of Section 3 to form a non-standard 160.00 acre oil spacing and proration unit (project area), for any formations and/or pools developed on 40

acre spacing within that vertical extent. The units are to be dedicated to the Boxer 3 Fed. Com. Well No. 1, a horizontal well to be drilled at a surface location in the SE/4NE/4, with a terminus in the SW/4NW/4, of Section 3. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing the well and the allocation of the cost thereof, as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a 200% charge for the risk involved in drilling and completing the well.

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PROPOSED EVIDENCE

APPLICANT

| WITNESSES | EST. TIME | EXHIBITS |
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| Hayden Tresner (landman) | 15 min. | Approx. 5 |
| Lee Catalano (geologist) | 15 min. | Approx. 4 |

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PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Respectfully submitted,

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