

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

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

APPLICATION OF BASS ENTERPRISES PRODUCTION  
CO. FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE DRILLING  
OF A WELL IN THE POTASH AREA, EDDY COUNTY,  
NEW MEXICO.

Case No. 13,367 (*de novo*)

APPLICATION OF DEVON ENERGY PRODUCTION  
COMPANY, L.P. FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE  
DRILLING OF A WELL IN THE POTASH AREA, EDDY  
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

Case No. 13,368 (*de novo*)

APPLICATION OF DEVON ENERGY PRODUCTION  
COMPANY, L.P. FOR APPROVAL OF AN UNORTHODOX  
WELL LOCATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO DRILL A  
WELL IN THE POTASH AREA, EDDY COUNTY, NEW  
MEXICO.

Case No. 13,372 (*de novo*)

PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

This pre-hearing statement is submitted by Kenneth M. Smith as required by the Oil Conservation Commission.

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**STATEMENT OF THE CASE**

APPLICANT

OTHER PARTY

Mr. Smith owns the surface and 1/4<sup>th</sup> of the mineral interest in the SW¼NW¼ of Section 24, Township 22 South, Range 30 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico. He has leased his mineral interest to Devon Energy Production Company, L.P. for oil and gas exploration and development. He supports the drilling of oil and gas wells on his property, as proposed by Devon Energy Production Company, L.P. His property is not subject to a potash lease.

OPPONENT

**PROPOSED EVIDENCE**

APPLICANT

WITNESSES

EST. TIME

EXHIBITS

Kenneth M. Smith

10 min. (direct)

-None-

OPPONENT

WITNESSES

EST. TIME

EXHIBITS

**PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

-None-

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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