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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
APPROVAL OF A NON-STANDARD OIL SPACING
AND PRORATION UNIT AND COMPULSORY
POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

Case No. 14,489

PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

This pre-hearing statement is submitted by applicant as required by the Oil Conservation Division.

APPEARANCES

APPLICANT

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OPPONENT

OPPONENT'S ATTORNEY

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

APPLICANT

Cimarex Energy Co. seeks an order approving a 160-acre non-standard oil spacing and proration unit (project area) in the Bone Spring formation comprised of the W/2W/2 of Section 24, Township 19 South, Range 32 East, NMPM. Applicant further seeks the pooling of all mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying the W/2W/2 of Section 24 to form a non-standard 160 acre oil spacing and proration unit (project area) for any pools or formations developed on 40 acre spacing within that vertical extent. The unit is to be dedicated to the East Lusk 24 Fed. Com. Well No. 1, a horizontal well to be drilled at a surface location 375 feet from the north line and 660 feet from the west line, with a terminus 330 feet from the south line and

660 feet from the west line, of Section 24. 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.

OPPONENT

PROPOSED EVIDENCE

APPLICANT

<u>WITNESSES</u>	<u>EST. TIME</u>	<u>EXHIBITS</u>
Todd Meador (landman)	15 min.	Approx. 4
Lee Catalano (geologist)	15 min.	Approx. 3

IF THIS MATTER IS UNCONTESTED IT MAY BE SUBMITTED BY AFFIDAVIT.

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PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Respectfully submitted,

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