

BEFORE THE

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF NEARBURG EXPLORATION COMPANY
FOR COMPULSORY POOLING AND AN
UNORTHODOX BOTTOMHOLE WELL LOCATION,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO. 11287

APPLICATION

NEARBURG EXPLORATION COMPANY, through its undersigned attorneys, hereby makes application pursuant to the provisions of N.M.Stat. Ann. § 70-2-17, (1978), for an order pooling all mineral interests in the N/2 NW/4 of Section 13, Township 17 South, Range 37 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico, and for an unorthodox bottomhole well location, and in support thereof states:

1. Applicant owns a working interest in the N/2 NW/4 of Section 13, and Applicant has the right to drill thereon.
2. Applicant proposes to dedicate the above-referenced spacing or proration unit to its Shiner No. 2 Well to be drilled to an unorthodox bottomhole location 300 feet from the North line and 2130 feet from the West line in the N/2 NW/4 of said Section 13, to a depth sufficient to test any and all formations from the surface to the base of the Strawn formation, South Humble City-Strawn Pool.
3. Applicant has sought and been unable to obtain either voluntary agreement for

pooling or farmout from certain interest owners in the N/2 NW/4 of said Section 13.

4. Said pooling of interests will avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, will prevent waste and will protect correlative rights.

5. In order to permit the Applicant to obtain its just and fair share of the oil and gas underlying the subject lands, all mineral interests should be pooled, and Nearburg exploration Company should be designated the operator of the well to be drilled.

WHEREFORE, Applicant prays that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on May 4, 1995 and, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter its order pooling the lands, including provisions for Applicant to recover its costs of drilling, equipping and completing the well, its costs of supervision while drilling and after completion, including overhead charges, and imposing a risk factor for the risk assumed by the Applicant in drilling, completing and equipping the well and approving an unorthodox oil well bottomhole location 330 feet from the North line and 2130 feet from the West line of said Section 13.

Respectfully submitted,

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