

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:

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Oil Conservation Division

CASE NO. 11365

APPLICATION OF COLLINS & WARE, INC.  
FOR THREE UNORTHODOX OIL WELL LOCATION,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

**PRE-HEARING STATEMENT**

This pre-hearing statement is submitted by COLLINS & WARE,  
INC. as required by the Oil Conservation Division.

**APPEARANCE OF PARTIES**

**APPLICANT**

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**STATEMENT OF CASE**

**APPLICANT:**

Collins & Ware seeks approval of three unorthodox oil well locations to be drilled in the Denton-Devonian Pool, Lea County, New Mexico as follows:

*T. D. Pope Well No. 33 to be located 1458 feet FNL & 1347 feet FEL (Unit G) of Section 35, T14S, R37E and to be dedicated to a standard 40-acre spacing unit consisting of the SW/4NE/4 of said Section 35;*

*T. D. Pope Well No. 34 to be located 2510 feet FSL & 1486 feet FEL (Unit J) of Section 35, T14S, R37E to be dedicated to a standard 40-acre spacing unit consisting of the NW/4SE/4 of said Section 35; and*

*T. D. Pope Well No. 35 to be located 1145 feet FSL & 1513 feet FEL (Unit O) of Section 35, T14S, R37E to be dedicated to a standard 40-acre spacing unit consisting of the SW/4SE/4 of said Section 35.*

Collins & Ware, Inc. is a working interest owner and the operator for oil wells within the S/2 of Section 26, T14S, R37E and the E/2 of Section 35, T15S, R37E, Lea County, New Mexico, dedicated to the Denton-Devonian Pool.

All of the interest owners (working interest, royalty and overriding royalty interest) are common in all the Devonian spacing units within the acreage described in paragraph (1) above.

On June 6, 1995, the Division issued Order R-10384 which approved Collins & Ware's application to drill its T. D. Pope Well No. 32 at an unorthodox well location 102 feet FNL and 1430 feet FEL (Unit B) of said Section 35.

Collins & Ware sought approval to located the T. D. Pope Well No. 32 at the approximate center of a 160-acre tract which had already been developed on 40-acre well density in an attempt to recover additional oil which had not and could not be produced by any existing wells.

As a result of the success of the T. D. Pope Well No. 32, Collins & Ware now desires to continue with this "infill" well program by drilling in the approximate center of three more 160-acre tracts.

Each well only encroaches towards offsetting spacing units which have common ownership with the spacing unit containing the encroaching well.

**PROPOSED EVIDENCE**

APPLICANT

WITNESSES	EST. TIME	EXHIBITS
Craig Young (petroleum engineer)	30 min.	@ 4

**PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

NONE.

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