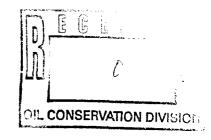
# STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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

APPLICATION OF GILLESPIE-CROW, INC. FOR POOL EXPANSION AND CONTRACTION, POOL CREATION, AND SPECIAL POOL RULES, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO



CASE NO. 11599

# PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

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

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# STATEMENT OF THE CASE

# APPLICANT

The West Lovington-Strawn Pool includes two separate Strawn porosity pods, which applicant requests be split into two separate pools. The western reservoir will be designated the South Big-Dog-Strawn reservoir, and the current special pool rules applicable to the West Lovington-Strawn Pool will remain in effect for that reservoir. The eastern reservoir will be designated the West Lovington-Strawn Pool. The special pool rules will also remain applicable to that pool, except that applicant requests that the depth bracket allowable be reduced to 250 bopd, for the reasons described below.

Applicant is operator of the West Lovington Strawn Unit, a secondary recovery unit with a gas injection pressure maintenance project. Wells in the unit are subject to production restrictions to prevent harm to the reservoir. Applicant seeks to restrict production from wells outside the unit, but which are completed in the same the Strawn reservoir in which unit wells are completed. Without the requested production restrictions, the reservoir may be damaged. In addition, non-unit wells benefit unfairly from the pressure maintenance project without having to pay a portion of its costs. The production restrictions would remain in place pending unitization of additional acreage outside the unit.

### **OPPONENT**

#### PROPOSED EVIDENCE

### APPLICANT

WITNESSES	EST. TIME	<u>EXHIBITS</u>
William Crow (Geologist)	20 min.	Five
Kevin Widner (Engineer)	20 min.	Three

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### PROCEDURAL MATTERS

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