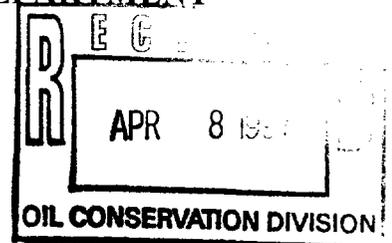


**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION**



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

CASE NO. 11615  
(De Novo)

APPLICATION OF THORNTON OPERATING  
CORPORATION FOR POOL CONTRACTION,  
POOL CREATION, SPECIAL POOL RULES,  
NON-STANDARD SPACING OR PRORATION UNIT,  
DIRECTIONAL DRILLING AND AN  
UNORTHODOX WELL LOCATION,  
CHAVES COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

**PRE-HEARING STATEMENT**

This Prehearing Statement is submitted by Campbell, Carr, Berge & Sheridan, P.A.,  
as required by the Oil Conservation Commission.

**APPEARANCES OF PARTIES**

**APPLICANT**

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**INTERESTED PARTY**

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**ATTORNEY**

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**STATEMENT OF CASE**

APPLICANT

(Please make a concise statement of what is being sought with this application and the reasons therefore.)

Thornton Operating Corporation, applicant in the above-styled cause, seeks the contraction of the South Lone Wolf-Devonian Pool to exclude the NW/4 of Section 26 and the NE/4 of Section 27, Township 13 South, Range 29 East; the creation of a new pool for the production from the Devonian formation underlying the SW/4 SW/4 of Section 23 and the NW/4 NW/4 of Section 26, Township 13 South, Range 29 East, for the promulgation of special rules and regulations therefor including 80-acre gas spacing units and designated well location requirements, a non-standard oil proration unit comprised of the SW/4 SW/4 of said Section 23 and the NW/4 NW/4 of said Section 26, reentry and directional drilling of the McClellan Federal Well No. 1 from a previously approved surface location 182 feet from the North line and 507 feet from the West line of said Section 26 and approval of an unorthodox bottomhole location for this well in the Devonian formation within 100 feet of a point 148 feet from the South line and 177 feet from the West line of said Section 23.

OTHER PARTY

(Please make a concise statement of the basis for opposing this application or otherwise state the position of the party filing this statement.)

**PROPOSED EVIDENCE**

APPLICANT

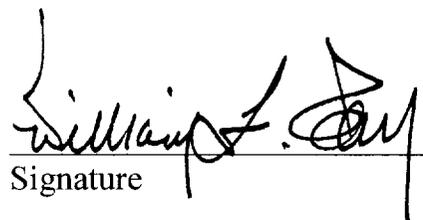
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**PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

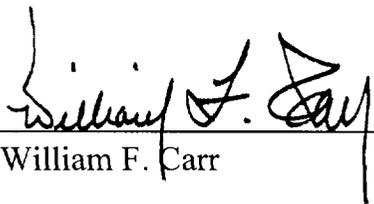
(Please identify any procedural matters which need to be resolved prior to hearing)

  
Signature

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing Pre-Hearing Statement to be hand-delivered on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1997 to the following counsel of record:

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