

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

CASE NO. 11681

APPLICATION OF RICHARDSON OPERATING
COMPANY FOR COMPULSORY POOLING AND AN
UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION,
SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

This pre-hearing statement is submitted by RICHARDSON OPERATING CO., as required by the Oil Conservation Division.

APPEARANCE OF PARTIES

APPLICANT

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STATEMENT OF RICHARDSON OPERATING COMPANY

This same case was presented to the Division at the Examiner hearing held on July 11, 1996, and approved by Division Order R-10656 issued on August 20, 1996. However, Richardson failed to either commence the well not later than November 15, 1996 and also failed to request an extension of the pooling order and therefore the prior order expired. Richardson now seeks to have the Division "re-instate" its prior order.

Richardson has a working interest ownership in the oil and gas minerals underlying the SE/4 of Section 15, T29N, R13W, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.

In order to minimize surface disturbance within the SE/4 of said Section 15, Richardson seeks approval to locate its ROPCO 15 GW PC Well No. 2 at an unorthodox well location for production for the Pictured Cliffs formation.

Richardson has proposed to the other working interest owners that this well be drilled and completed for potential production from any Pictured Cliffs formation to be dedicated to a 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit consisting of the SE/4 of said Section for production from either the Fulcher Kutz-Pictured Cliffs Gas Pool or the West Kutz-Pictured Cliffs Gas Pool.

Despite its good faith efforts, Richardson has been unable to obtain a written voluntary agreement from all of the working interest and or mineral interest owners. Therefore, Richardson needs an order of the Division pooling the identified and described mineral interests in order to protect correlative rights and prevent waste.

PROPOSED EVIDENCE

APPLICANT:

WITNESSES

None

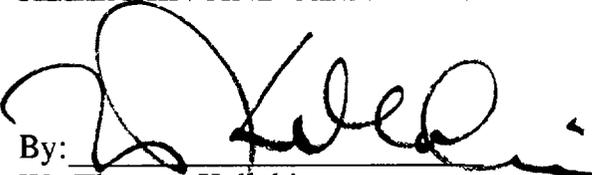
EST. TIME EXHIBITS

(see below)

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Motion to incorporate record in Case 11569, including transcript of testimony and exhibits for hearing held on July 11, 1996 which resulted in the issuance of Order R-10656 dated August 20, 1996.

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