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Dear Florene:

Enclosed for filing is a Pre-Hearing Statement for case nos.  
10,345 and 10,346.

Very truly yours,

HINKLE, COX, EATON, COFFIELD &  
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IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING  
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Case Nos. 10,345  
and 10,346

APPLICATIONS OF BHP PETROLEUM  
(AMERICAS) INC. FOR COMPULSORY  
POOLING, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW  
MEXICO.

PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

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

**APPEARANCES OF PARTIES**

**APPLICANT**

**ATTORNEY**

BHP Petroleum (Americas) Inc.  
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**OPPOSITION OR OTHER PARTY**

**ATTORNEY**

Louise Locke

William F. Carr

**STATEMENT OF CASE**

APPLICANT

Applicant owns or operates the  $S\frac{1}{2}$ , and also is the operator of approximately 137 acres of the  $NE\frac{1}{4}$ , all in Section 23-29 North-13 West, as to the Fruitland Coal formation. Louise Locke owns the leasehold in the  $N\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 23 as to the Fruitland Coal formation. BHP has drilled but not completed wells in the  $SW\frac{1}{4}$  and  $NE\frac{1}{4}$  of the section, and has dedicated the  $W\frac{1}{2}$  and  $E\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 23 to said wells, respectively. Louise Locke has refused to join in the drilling of the wells or otherwise commit her interests, apparently claiming that the well units should be laydown units. Therefore, BHP seeks to pool the Locke interests into the wells, be named operator of both wells, and have a penalty assessed against Louise Locke if she goes non-consent under the pooling orders.

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**PROPOSED EVIDENCE**

APPLICANT

WITNESS	EST. TIME	EXHIBITS
Donald Reinhardt (Landman)	25 minutes	(a) Land Plat (b) Correspondence (c) AFE for each Well  (d) Unit Agreement and documents regarding sub- operator of the Fruitland Coal formation  (e) Farmout Agree- ment  (f) Leases and assignments
<hr/> (Petroleum Engineer)	10 minutes	(a) Coal thickness map
Chris Camden (Reservoir Engineer)	25 minutes	

OPPOSITION

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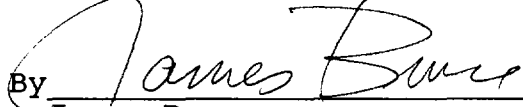
**PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

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need to be resolved prior to the hearing)

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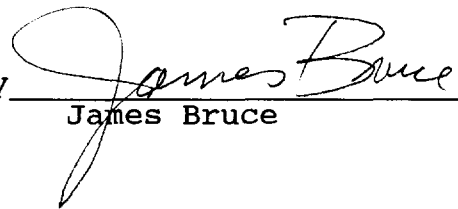
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of  
the foregoing Pre-Hearing Statement was mailed this 15<sup>th</sup> day  
of July, 1991 to William F. Carr, P. O. Box 2208, Santa Fe,  
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By   
James Bruce

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**STATEMENT OF CASE**

APPLICANT

OPPOSITION OR 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.)

Louise Y. Locke, d/b/a Locke-Taylor Drilling Company opposes the compulsory pooling applications of BHP Petroleum (Americas) Inc. which affect her interest in the S/2 of Section 23, Township 29 North, Range 13 West, N.M.P.M., San Juan County, New Mexico. BHP failed to seek or obtain voluntary agreement with Mrs. Locke for the development of the W/2 of Section 23 and drilled its Gallegos Canyon Unit Well No. 390 at its own risk. BHP has no right to drill the Gallegos Canyon Unit Well No. 391 in the NE/4 of Section 23 and in so doing, illegally trespassed on Mrs. Locke's lands and has and/or will damage her property interests in the N/2 of Section 23.

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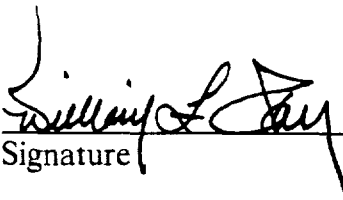
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