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APPLICATION OF THUNDERBOLT PETROLEUM  
TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM SURFACE  
INJECTION PRESSURE WITHIN ITS CALMON  
STATE WATERFLOOD PROJECT  
EDDY COUNTY NEW MEXICO

CASE 13249

PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

Thunderbolt Petroleum submits this pre-hearing statement as required by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division.

APPEARANCES OF THE PARTIES

APPLICANT

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OPPONENT

None

ATTORNEY

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6/7/04

## STATEMENT OF THE CASE

### APPLICANT:

Thunderbolt Petroleum seeks to increase the maximum surface injection pressure within its Calmon State Waterflood Project from the currently approved maximum of 650 and 550 psig to 1,100 psi:

- (1) The Calmon State Waterflood Project area consisted of SW/4 of Section 16, T18S R29E, Eddy County, New Mexico and was approved on November 9, 1999 by Division Order R-11275 entered in Case 12250.
- (2) This project consisted of 2 injection well injection water into the Queen Grayburg and San Andres formations of the Loco Hills-Queen Grayburg San Andres Pool: Calmon State Well No. 1, Unit L (pressure limit of 453 psig) and the Calmon State Well No. 3, Unit M (pressure limit of 453 psig).
- (3) On August 9, 2002, the Division approved increasing the maximum surface injection pressure for the Well No. 1 to 650 psig and for the Well No. 3 to 550 psig.
- (4) On February 26, 2004 Thunderbolt Petroleum filed its application with the Division requesting an increase to 1,100 psig for both wells which the Division set for hearing as Case 13249.
- (5) Thunderbolt will demonstrate that its injection into the Grayburg interval is such that the injection fluids will remain within the vertical limits of the Loco Hills-Queen Grayburg San Andres Pool:
  - a. 1,100 psig is a fracture gradient of 0.49
  - b. Any additional 4 to 5 barrels of oil a day can be produced if the surface injection pressure is increased to 1,100 psig
  - c. The vertical limits of this pool are from 2030 feet to 3975 feet.
  - d. The top injection interval in Well No. 1 is 238 feet below and 1295 feet above the top and the bottom of the pool
  - e. The top injection interval in the Well No. 3 is 234 feet below and 1305 feet below the top and bottom of this pool.
  - f. Based upon step rate/tracer tests the maximum height of a fracture will still leave 110 feet to the top of the pool.

**PROPOSED EVIDENCE**

**APPLICANT**

**WITNESSES**

**EST. TIME**

**EST. EXHIBITS**

**Robert Lee (PE)**

**@ 30-45 minutes**

**@ 12**

**PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

**None**

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