

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

**APPLICATION OF ASPEN OPERATING CO.,
L.L.C. TO REOPEN CASE NOS. 11465 AND
11466 TO AMEND THE VERTICAL DEPTHS OF
THE LEWIS UNIT AND FOR THE APPROVAL
OF AN 80 ACRE PRORATION UNIT FOR THE
LEWIS UNIT NO. 1 WELL, IN THE SW/4 SW/4
OF SECTION 3 AND THE SE/4 SE/4 OF
SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 36
EAST, N.M.P.M., LEA COUNTY, NEW
MEXICO.**

CASE NOS. (reopened) 11465 and 11466

ASPEN OPERATING CO., LLC'S PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

Aspen Operating Co., LLC ("Aspen"), submits this Pre-Hearing Statement for the above-referenced cases pursuant to the rules of the Oil Conservation Division.

APPEARANCES

APPLICANT

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OPPONENT: None

STATEMENT OF CASE

APPLICANT:

Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks an order from the Division amending the vertical depths of its Lewis Unit, pursuant to 19.15.20.14 NMAC, and approving a 80-acre non-standard proration unit for the Lewis Unit No. 1 well (API No. 30-

025-33350), covering the SW/4 SW/4 of Section 3 and the SE/4 SE/4 of Section 4, Township 10 South, Range 36 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico. The amended unitized interval for the Lewis Unit will be from the top of the Glorieta formation, the correlative interval of which is identified in the logged depths of 5,643 feet, defined in the Borehole Compensated Sonic/Gamma Ray log formulated by Schlumberger on the Gainer 22 #1 well (API: 30-025-38792), located in Section 22, Township 10 South, Range 36 East, Lea County, NM, down to the base of the Devonian formation, the correlative interval of which is identified in the logged depths of 12,513 feet, defined in the Acoustic Velocity log formulated by Welex on the T&P State #1 well (API: 30-025-20006), located in Section 10, Township 10 South, Range 36 East, Lea County, New Mexico. This amendment is being requested in order to allow Apache Corporation to develop its Fire Eagle San Andres Unit, which was approved by the Division in Order No. R-14093. In addition, Applicant requests that the Division either amend Order R-10554, creating the Lewis Unit, or issue an order which recognizes that the Lewis Unit No. 1 well was drilled to develop the entire 80 acres included within the boundaries of the Lewis Unit. This amendment has been requested by the Division, in order to clarify the records for the Lewis Unit No. 1 well. Said acreage is located approximately 5.8 miles Southeast of Crossroads, New Mexico.

PROPOSED EVIDENCE

APPLICANT:


<u>WITNESS</u>	<u>ESTIMATED TIME</u>	<u>EXHIBITS</u>
Matt Burnett – Petroleum Engineer, who will testify about land and geology matters	Approx. 20 min	Approx. 11

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Aspen respectfully requests that Mr. Burnett be permitted to provide his testimony telephonically.

Respectfully submitted,

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