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

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

CASE NOS. 14678, 14679, 146802 1468

APPLICATIONS OF CIMAREX ENERGY CO. FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

PRE-HEARING STATEMENT AND ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

This Pre-Hearing Statement is submitted by Holland & Hart LLP, which enters its appearance on behalf of COG OPERATING, LLC in Case Nos. 14678-14681.

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STATEMENT OF CASE

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Concho objects to these applications because they are not in the best interest of conservation, the prevention of waste and the protection of correlative rights.