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HAND DELIVERY

Mr. Mark Fesmire, P.E. Oil Conservation Division New Mexico Department of Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources 1220 South Saint Francis Drive Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505 Case 13515

Re: Application of Cheney Energy Partners, LLC for approval of a Unit Agreement, Chaves County, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Fesmire:

Enclosed in triplicate is the Application of Cheney Energy Partners, LLC in the abovereferenced case as well as a copy of the legal advertisement. Cheney Energy Partners, LLC requests that this matter be placed on the June 30, 2005 Examiner Hearing docket.

Very truly yours,

William F. Carr

Enclosures

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

APPLICATION OF CHENEY ENERGY PARTNERS, LLC FOR APPROVAL OF A UNIT AGREEMENT, CHAVES COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

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APPLICATION

CHENEY ENERGY PARTNERS, LLC ("Cheney"), through its undersigned attorneys, hereby makes application for an order approving its Mescalaro Springs State Exploratory Unit and in support of this application states:

1. The proposed Unit Area consists of 1280.00 acres, more or less, of State of New Mexico lands, situated in Chaves County, New Mexico. The horizontal limits of said unit are described as follows:

Township 11 South, Range 31 East, N.M.P.M.

Section 23: All Section 24: All

2. The Unit Agreement has been approved by a sufficient percentage of the interest owners within the proposed Unit Area to provide effective control of unit operations.

3. The Applicant, Cheney Energy Partners, LLC, is designated as Unit Operator in said Unit Agreement and all oil and gas in all formations are unitized.

4. The proposed Unit Area covers all, or substantially all, of the geological structures or anomaly from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation.

5. Said Unit Agreement and the unitized operation and management of the Unit Area will be in the interest of conservation and the prevention of waste, and that it will protect the correlative rights of all parties concerned.

WHEREFORE, Cheney Energy Partners, LLC requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on June 30, 2005, that notice be given as required by law and the rules of the Division, and that the Mescalero Springs Exploratory Unit be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTORNEYS FOR CHENEY ENERGY PARTNERS, LLC

CASE NO. <u>13515</u>.

Application of Cheney Energy Partners LLC for approval of a Unit Agreement, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval of the Mescalero Springs State Exploratory Unit for an area comprising 1280.00 acres of State of New Mexico lands in Sections 23 and 24, Township 11 South, Range 31 East, NMPM which is located approximately 4 miles southwest of the Caprock, New Mexico.