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Florene Davidson Oil Conservation Division 1220 South St. Francis Drive Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Dear Florene:

Enclosed for filing, on behalf of Cimarex Energy Co., are an original and one copy of an <u>amended</u> application for compulsory pooling, *etc.*, together with a proposed advertisement. The advertisement has also been e-mailed to the Division. Please set this matter for the January 24, 2013 Examiner hearing.

Very truly yours,

IL James Bruce

Attorney for Cimarex Energy Co.

Parties Being Notified

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Attention: Jere H. Dial

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APPLICATION OF CIMAREX ENERGY CO. FOR A NON-STANDARD OIL SPACING AND PRORATION UNIT AND COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

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AMENDED APPLICATION

Cimarex Energy Co. applies for an order (i) approving a 280 acre non-standard oil spacing and proration unit (project area) in the Bone Spring formation comprised of the E½NE¼, SW¼NE¼, E½SW¼, SW¼SW¼, and NW¼SE¼ of Section 26, Township 20 South, Range 32 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico, and (ii) pooling all mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying the non-standard unit, and in support thereof, states:

1. Applicant is an interest owner in the E¹/₂NE¹/₄, SW¹/₄NE¹/₄, E¹/₂SW¹/₄, SW¹/₄SW¹/₄, and NW¹/₄SE¹/₄ Section 26, and has the right to drill a well thereon.

2. Applicant proposes to drill its Snoddy Fed. Well No. 22, to a depth sufficient to test the Bone Spring formation, and seeks to dedicate the E½NE¼, SW¼NE¼, E½SW¼, SW¼SW¼, and NW¼SE¼ of Section 26 to the well to form a non-standard 280 acre oil spacing and proration unit (project area) for any formations and/or pools developed on 40 acre spacing within that vertical extent. The well is a horizontal well, with a surface location in the NE¼NE¼, and a terminus in the SW¼SW¼, of Section 26.

3. Applicant has in good faith sought to obtain the voluntary joinder of all other mineral interest owners in the E¹/₂NE¹/₄, SW¹/₄NE¹/₄, E¹/₂SW¹/₄, SW¹/₄SW¹/₄, and NW¹/₄SE¹/₄ of Section 26 for the purposes set forth herein.

4. Although applicant attempted to obtain voluntary agreements from all mineral interest owners to participate in the drilling of the well or to otherwise commit their interests to

the well, certain interest owners have failed or refused to join in dedicating their interests. Therefore, applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interest owners in the E¹/₂NE¹/₄, SW¹/₄NE¹/₄, E¹/₂SW¹/₄, SW¹/₄SW¹/₄, and NW¹/₄SE¹/₄ of Section 26, pursuant to NMSA 1978 §§70-2-17, 18.

5. The approval of the non-standard unit and the pooling of all mineral interests underlying the E¹/₂NE¹/₄, SW¹/₄NE¹/₄, E¹/₂SW¹/₄, SW¹/₄SW¹/₄, and NW¹/₄SE¹/₄ of Section 26 will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste, and protect correlative rights.

WHEREFORE, applicant requests that, after notice and hearing, the Division enter its order:

A. Approving a non-standard oil spacing and proration unit (project area) in the Bone Spring formation comprised of the E¹/₂NE¹/₄, SW¹/₄NE¹/₄, E¹/₂SW¹/₄, SW¹/₄SW¹/₄, and NW¹/₄SE¹/₄ of Section 26;

B. Pooling all mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying the $E^{1/2}NE^{1/4}$, $SW^{1/4}NE^{1/4}$, $E^{1/2}SW^{1/4}$, $SW^{1/4}SW^{1/4}$, and $NW^{1/4}SE^{1/4}$ of Section 26;

C. Designating applicant as operator of the well;

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D. Considering the cost of drilling and completing the well, and allocating the cost among the well's working interest owners;

E. Approving actual operating charges and costs charged for supervision, together with a provision adjusting the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedure; and

F. Setting a 200% charge for the risk involved in drilling and completing the well in the event a working interest owner elects not to participate in the well.

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Respectfully submitted,

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