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NMOCD Case No. 15191: APPLICATION TO AMEND ORDER NO. R-12984 TO Re: REMOVE CERTAIN ACREAGE FROM THE BASIN-MANCOS GAS POOL (97232); TO CREATE A MANCOS OIL POOL WITH SPECIAL POOL RULES; TO EXEMPT HORIZONTAL WELLS FROM PRE-EXISTING POOLS IN THE SUBJECT AREA AND RESTRICT THOSE POOLS TO CURRENT BOUNDARIES; TO ABOLISH OIL ALLOWABLES IN THE SUBJECT AREA; TO RETAIN FOR THE NEW OIL POOL THE AUTHORITY TO DOWNHOLE COMMINGLE PRODUCTION FROM THE MANCOS, MESAVERDE AND DAKOTA FORMATIONS PROVIDED BY ORDER NO. R-12984-B; AND TO AMEND THE SPECIAL RULES FOR THE COUNSELORS GALLUP-DAKOTA POOL (13379); SAN JUAN RIO ARRIBA, SANDOVAL AND MCKINLEY COUNTIES, NEW MEXICO.

Dear Mr. Catanach:

On behalf of Energen Resources Corporation, enclosed for filing is an original and one copy of its Pre-Hearing statement regarding the hearing on January 8, 2015.

Thank you.

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

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**Case No.** 15191<sup>44</sup>

# PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

Energen Resources Corporation ("Energen") provides this Pre-Hearing Statement as

required by the rules of the Division.

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### STATEMENT OF THE CASE

Applicants seek an order (1) amending Division Order No. R-12984 to remove certain acreage from the Basin-Mancos Gas Pool (97232); (2) creating a "Mancos Oil Pool" subject to special rules allowing, among other things, 320-acre spacing units for all horizontal wells in the subject area and standard 330 foot setbacks; (3) exempting horizontal wells from the pre-existing pools covering all or part of the Mancos formation in the subject area and restricting pre-existing pools to current boundaries; (4) abolishing oil allowable in the subject area for all pools; (5) retaining for the new Mancos Oil Pool the approval to downhole commingle production from the Mancos, Mesaverde and Dakota formations provided by Order No. R-12984-B; and (6) amending the Special Rules for the Counselors Gallup Dakota Oil Pool (13379) to provide for standard 330 foot setbacks.

Energen Resources Corporation supports the Application.

#### **PROPOSED EVIDENCE**

Energen does not at this time plan to present any witnesses but reserves the right to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### **Certificate of Service**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served to counsel of record by electronic mail this 29<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2014.

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