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Mark E. Fesmire, P.E.		12
Director Oil Conservation Division	Case 13636	Pm -
New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department	Case	4 39
1220 South Saint Francis Drive Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505		ب

Re: Applications of McElvain Oil & Gas Properties, Inc. for

compulsory pooling, Wildwood Well No.: 2, Wildwood Well No.: 3, and Wildwood Well No.: 4

San Juan County, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Fesmire:

Enclosed is the application of McElvain Oil & Gas Properties, Inc. in the above-referenced cases as well as a copy of a legal advertisement. McElvain requests that these matters be placed on the docket for the January 19, 2006 Examiner hearings.

Sincerely,

Michael H. Feldewert

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Denise Greer

McElvain Oil & Gas Properties, Inc.

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MCELVAIN OIL & GAS PROPERTIES, INC. FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

E CASE NO. /3536

APPLICATION

MCELVAIN OIL & GAS PROPERTIES, INC. ("McElvain"), through its undersigned attorneys, hereby makes application pursuant to the provisions of NMSA 1978, Section 70-2-17, for an order pooling all uncommitted mineral interests in all formations from the surface to the base of the Pictured Cliffs formation underlying the SE/4 of Section 5, Township 29 North, Range 13 West, N.M.P.M., San Juan County, New Mexico, to form a standard 160-acre spacing and proration unit for all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within that vertical extent which includes but is not necessarily limited to the Fulcher Kutz Pictured Cliffs Gas Pool. In support of this application McElvain states:

- 1. McElvain is a working interest owner in the SE/4 of Section 5 and has a right to drill thereon.
- 2. McElvain proposes to dedicate the above-referenced spacing or proration unit to its Wildwood Well No. 2, to be drilled at a standard location 1960 feet from the South line and 1750 from the East line in the NW/4 SE/4 of Section 5 to test the Pictured Cliffs formation at a depth of approximately 1550 feet.
- 3. McElvain has sought and been unable to obtain a voluntary agreement for the development of these lands from the interest owners identified on Exhibit A to this application.
- 4. Said pooling of interests will avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, will prevent waste and will protect correlative rights.
- 5. In order to permit McElvain the opportunity to obtain its just and fair share of the oil and gas underlying the subject lands, all mineral interests should be pooled, and McElvain should be designated the operator of the well.

WHEREFORE, McElvain requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on January 19, 2006, and, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter its order:

- A. pooling all mineral interests in the subject spacing and proration unit;
- B. designating McElvain operator of the unit and the well to be drilled thereon;
- C. authorizing McElvain to recover its costs of deepening, equipping and recompleting the well;
- D. approving the actual operating charges and costs of supervision while drilling and after completion, together with a provision to adjust the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedures; and
- E. imposing the 200% risk penalty provided by Division Rule 19.15.1.35 against any working interest owner who does not voluntarily participate in the drilling of this well.

Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBIT A

SE of Sec 5-T29N-R13W Wildwood #2 well

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Lance Oil & Gas Company Attn.: Gerald Sullivan 1099 18th Street, Suite 1200 Denver, CO 80202

CASE <u>/3636</u>:

Application of McElvain Oil & Gas Properties, Inc. for compulsory pooling, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks an order pooling all uncommitted mineral interests in all formations from the surface to the base of the Pictured Cliffs formation underlying the SE/4 of Section 5, Township 29 North, Range 13 West, N.M.P.M., San Juan County, New Mexico, to form a standard 160-acre spacing and proration unit for all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within this vertical extent including but not limited to the Fulcher Kutz Pictured Cliffs Gas Pool. This unit is to be dedicated to the Wildwood Well No. 2, to be drilled at a standard location 1960 feet from the South line and 1750 feet from the East line in the NW/4 SE/4 of said Section 5 to test the Pictured Cliffs formation at a depth of approximately 1550 feet. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof, as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well and, pursuant to NMRA 19.15.1.35, the imposition of a 200% risk charge against the working interest of any party that elects not to participate in this project. Said area is located approximately a half mile north of the Farmington Airport, New Mexico.