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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 PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

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

Case No. 15434

PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

This pre-hearing statement is submitted by Devon Energy Production Company, L.P. ("Devon") as required by the Oil Conservation Division.

APPEARANCES

<u>APPLICANT</u>

XTO Energy Inc.

OPPONENT

Attention:

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STATEMENT OF THE CASE

<u>APPLICANT</u>

XTO Energy Inc. ("XTO") seeks an order approving a 320-acre non-standard oil spacing and proration unit in the Bone Spring formation comprised of the W/2W/2 of Section 8 and W/2W/2 of Section 17, Township 23 South, Range 32 East, NMPM. Applicant further seeks the pooling of all mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying the non-standard unit. The unit is to be dedicated to its proposed SDE 17 Fed. Well No. 1H.

OPPONENT

In Case No. 15411 Devon seeks an order approving a 160-acre non-standard oil spacing and proration unit (project area) in the Bone Spring formation comprised of the W/2W/2 of Section 8, Township 23 South, Range 32 East, NMPM. Applicant further seeks the pooling of all mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying the non-standard unit, for any pools developed on 40 acre spacing within that vertical extent. The unit is to be dedicated to the Stray Cat 8 Fed. Com. Well No. 1H, a horizontal well to be drilled at a surface location in the SW/4SW/4, with a terminus in the NW/4NW/4, of Section 8. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing the 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 a 200% charge for the risk involved in drilling and completing the well.

PROPOSED EVIDENCE

<u>APPLICANT</u>

WITNESSES	EST. TIME	<u>EXHIBITS</u>
<u>OPPONENT</u>		
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Zach Graham (landman)	15 min.	Арргох. б
Ken Bridges (geologist)	15 min.	Approx. 4
J.D. Harkrider (drilling engineer)	15 min.	Approx. 3

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

- 1. Devon requests that Case No. 15434 be consolidated for hearing with Devon's application in Case No. 15411.
- 2. Devon and XTO are in discussions that should settle their dispute, and the parties expect to sign a letter agreement tomorrow. Therefore, Devon requests a continuance of both cases to the February 18th hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing pleading was served upon the following counsel of record this ______ day of January, 2016 by e-mail:

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