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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

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

**RE: Application of Opal Resources Operating Co., LLC and Opal Resources II, LLC
Case No. 15621**

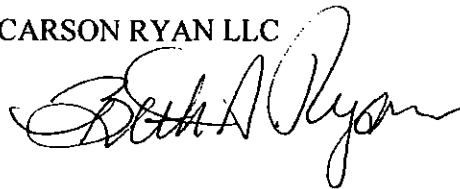
Dear Ms. Davidson:

On behalf of Opal Resources Operating Co., LLC and Opal Resources II, LLC, enclosed please find two original sets of the Pre-Hearing Statement. Thank you.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

CARSON RYAN LLC



Elizabeth A. Ryan

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Enclosures
cc: Michael H. Feldewert and Jordan L. Kessler

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

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**APPLICATION OF OPAL RESOURCES OPERATING CO., LLC
AND OPAL RESOURCES II, LLC
FOR A NON-STANDARD SPACING AND
PRORATION UNIT, A NON-STANDARD PROJECT AREA,
AND FOR COMPULSORY POOLING,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

Case No. 15621

PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

This pre-hearing statement is submitted by Applicant as required by the Oil Conservation Division.

APPEARANCES

APPLICANT

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STATEMENT OF THE CASE

Applicant seeks an order (1) creating a 200-acre, more or less, spacing and proration unit comprised of W/2W/2 Section 29 and NW/4NW/4 Section 32, Township 19 South, Range 39

East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico; (2) approving a non-standard 200-acre project area; and (3) pooling all mineral interests in the Nadine/Abo formation underlying the proposed unit.

The unit is to be dedicated to Applicant's Jade 19S-39E-S29 No. 1H Well, to be vertically drilled from the surface location of 400 feet FNL and 400 feet FWL in W/2 of Section 29 to the Nadine/Abo formation to the bottom hole location of 1122 feet FNL and 400 feet FWL in NW/4NW/4 of Section 32.

The completed interval for the Well will comply with the 330-foot setbacks required by the Division rules for horizontal oil wells.

APPLICANT'S PROPOSED EVIDENCE

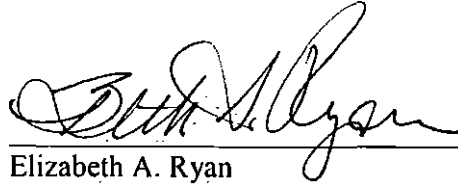
<u>WITNESSES</u>	<u>EST. TIME</u>	<u>EXHIBITS</u>
Les McCormick, Vice President of Land and Business Development	20 min.	Approx. 8
Rick Castagno, Vice President of Reservoir Engineering	15 min.	Approx. 5

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

ConocoPhillips Company, a mineral interest owner in the W/2W/2 Section 29 of the proposed project area, has filed or plans to file a Motion for Continuance in this matter. As of the date of filing this Statement, Applicant does not agree to the Continuance.

Respectfully submitted,

CARSON RYAN LLC

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Beth A. Ryan", written over a horizontal line.

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