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IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

APPLICATION OF SOJOURNER DRILLING CORPORATION FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, **CURRY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

Case No. 15922

PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

This pre-hearing statement is submitted by (1) Linda Powell, and (2) The Northern Trust Company, Co-Trustee of the Evelyn Richter Trusts under the wills of Algernon W. Brown and Evelyn G. Brown, as required by the Oil Conservation Division.

APPEARANCES

APPLICANT

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OPPONENT

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STATEMENT OF THE CASE

APPLICANT

Sojourner Drilling Corporation ("Sojourner") seeks an order pooling the Canyon formation underlying the NE/4 of Section 34, Township 6 North, Range 34 East, NMPM.

OPPONENT

Opponents are unleased mineral interest owners in the NE/4 of Section 34. Opponents are in negotiations with applicant, and believe that differences may be worked out. This pleading is filed only in the event that negotiations fail.

PROPOSED EVIDENCE

APPLICANT

WITNESSES

EST. TIME

EXHIBITS

OPPONENTS

WITNESSES

EST. TIME

EXHIBITS

Possible witness

Robert Bell (landman)

30 min.

Approx. 12

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

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 4th day of January, 2018 by e-mail:

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