

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

**APPLICATIONS OF HILCORP ENERGY  
COMPANY FOR AN EXCEPTION TO THE  
WELL DENSITY REQUIREMENTS OF THE  
SPECIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR  
THE BLANCO-MESAVERDE GAS POOL,  
SAN JUAN AND RIO ARriba COUNTIES,  
NEW MEXICO.**

**CASE NOS. 15932, 15933, 15935,  
15973-15977, and 15979-15982**

**HILCORP'S CONSOLIDATED PREHEARING STATEMENT**

Hilcorp Energy Company, ("Hilcorp") (OGRID No. 372171), through its undersigned counsel, hereby submits this Consolidated Pre-Hearing Statement for the above referenced matters scheduled for hearing before the Division Examiners on February 8, 2018.

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## **STATEMENT OF THE CASE**

The well density requirements in the Special Rules and Regulations of the Blanco-Mesaverde Gas Pool currently state as follows:

### **I. ACREAGE AND WELL LOCATION REQUIREMENTS**

**A. Standard GPU (Gas Proration Unit):** A standard GPU in the Blanco-Mesaverde Pool shall be 320 acres (more or less) comprising any two contiguous quarter sections of a single section that is a legal subdivision of the U. S. Public Land Surveys.

#### **B. Well density:**

(1) Up to four (4) wells may be drilled on a standard GPU, as follows:

(a) the FIRST OPTIONAL INFILL WELL drilled on a GPU shall be located in the quarter section not containing the INITIAL Mesaverde well;

(b) the SECOND OPTIONAL INFILL WELL drilled on a GPU shall be located in a quarter-quarter section not containing a Mesaverde well and within a quarter section not containing more than one (1) Mesaverde well;

(c) the THIRD OPTIONAL INFILL WELL drilled on a GPU shall be located in a quarter-quarter section not containing a Mesaverde well and within a quarter section not containing more than one (1) Mesaverde well;

(d) at the discretion of the operator, the second or third optional infill well may be drilled prior to the drilling of the first optional infill well;

(e) no more than two wells shall be located within either quarter section in a GPU; and

(f) any deviation from the above-described well density requirements shall be authorized only after hearing.

In these consolidated cases, Hilcorp seeks approval under Rule I(B)(1)(f) to add an additional vertical well as follows:

(a) In Case Nos. 15973, 15974 and 15977 the company seeks authority to complete and simultaneously produce a third vertical Mesaverde gas well in the same quarter section of a standard spacing and proration unit, with the other quarter section at the present time containing only a single vertical well, and

(b) In the remaining cases the company seeks authority to complete and simultaneously produce a fifth vertical Mesaverde gas wells within a standard spacing and proration unit by adding a third vertical well in one of the two quarter sections comprising the standard spacing and proration unit.

#### **APPLICANT'S PROPOSED EVIDENCE**

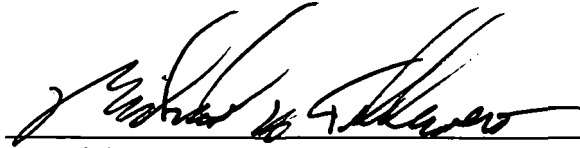
<b>WITNESS Name and Expertise</b>	<b>ESTIMATED TIME</b>	<b>EXHIBITS</b>
Michelle Sivadon – Reservoir Engineer	Approx. 20	Approx. 5 for each consolidated case
Chuck Creekmore – Landman	Approx. 15	Approx. 3 for each consolidated case

#### **PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

Hilcorp has requested and obtained similar relief in a prior set of consolidated cases heard by the Division on January 11, 2018, and resulting in Division Orders R-14553 through R-14563 (issued on January 24, 2018). For purposes of administrative efficiency, Hilcorp requests that (a) these matters likewise be consolidated for purposes of presenting evidence, and (b) the Examiners take administrative notice of the testimony and Division findings in the prior cases resulting in Division Orders R-14553 through R-14563.

Respectfully submitted,

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