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Florene Davidson Oil Conservation Division 1220 South St. Francis Drive Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505 Case 13896

Dear Florene:

Enclosed for filing, on behalf of Cimarex Energy Co., are an original and one copy of an application for compulsory pooling, together with a proposed advertisement. The advertisement has also been e-mailed to the Division. Please set this matter for the April 12, 2007 Examiner hearing. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

James Bruce

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## PERSONS BEING NOTIFIED

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## BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

APPLICATION OF CIMAREX ENERGY CO. FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

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Case No. \_\_\_\_/3896\_\_\_\_\_\_

## **APPLICATION**

Cimarex Energy Co. applies for an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation underlying the W½ of Section 15, Township 16 South, Range 28 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico, and in support thereof, states:

- 1. Applicant is an interest owner in the W½ of Section 15, and has the right to drill a well thereon.
- 2. Applicant proposes to drill its Crow Flats 15 State Com. Well No. 1, at an orthodox location in the NW¼NW¼ Section 15, to a depth sufficient to test the Morrow formation, and seeks to dedicate the following acreage to the well:
  - (a) the NW¼ to form a standard 160 acre gas spacing and proration unit for any formations and/or pools developed on 160 acre spacing within that vertical extent; and
  - (b) the W½ to form a non-standard 320 acre gas spacing and proration unit for any formations and/or pools developed on 320 acre spacing within that vertical extent, including the Crow Flats-Morrow Gas Pool.
- 3. Applicant has in good faith sought to obtain the voluntary joinder of all other mineral interest owners in the  $W\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 15 for the purposes set forth herein.
- 4. Although applicant attempted to obtain voluntary agreements from all mineral interest owners to participate in the drilling of the well or to otherwise commit their interests to the well, certain interest owners have failed or refused to join in dedicating their interests.

Therefore, applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interest owners in the W½ of Section 15, pursuant to NMSA 1978 §70-2-17.

5. The pooling of all mineral interests underlying the W½ of Section 15 will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste, and protect correlative rights.

WHEREFORE, applicant requests that, after notice and hearing, the Division enter its order:

- A. Pooling all mineral interests in the W½ of Section 15, from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation;
- B. Designating Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado as operator of the well;
- C. Considering the cost of drilling and completing the well, and allocating the cost thereof among the well's working interest owners;
- D. Approving actual operating charges and costs charged for supervision, together with a provision adjusting the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedure; and
- E. Setting a 200% charge for the risk involved in drilling and completing the well in the event a working interest owner elects not to participate in the well.

Respectfully submitted,

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## PROPOSED ADVERTISEMENT

Case No. 138% : Application of Cimarex Energy Co. for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Cimarex Energy Co. seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation underlying the following described acreage in Section 15, Township 16 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, and in the following manner: The W/2 to form a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within that vertical extent, including the Crow Flats-Morrow Gas Pool; and the SW/4 to form a standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within that vertical extent. The units are to be dedicated to the Crow Flats 15 State Com. Well No. 1, to be drilled at an orthodox location in the NW/4NW/4 of Section 15. 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 Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado as operator of the well, and a 200% charge for the risk involved in drilling and completing the well. The units are located approximately 13 miles northwest of Loco Hills, New Mexico.