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:

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APPLICATION OF PETROHAWK ENERGY CORPORATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO REACTIVATE A WATERFLOOD, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

This Pre-Hearing Statement is submitted by Holland & Hart LLP as required by the Oil Conservation Division.

APPEARANCES OF PARTIES

APPLICANT

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STATEMENT OF CASE

Applicant seeks approval for a waterflood project, including the reactivation of a previously approved waterflood (OCD Orders WFX-518 and WFX-530) in Section 8 and 9, Township 22 South, Range 36 East, NMPM, to inject up to a total of 2000 barrels per day, at a maximum pressure of 750 psi, into the Queen Formation, at an approximate depth of 3790 feet to 3890 feet. This proposed waterflood involves the activation of five existing, temporarily plugged injection wells (State A A/C 2 # 61, #64, #65, #68, and # 71). Petrohawk may be contacted through its representative, Mr. Alberto Gutierrez, 500 Marquette Ave NW, Suite 1350, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102 or (505) 842-8000. These wells are located 5 miles southwest of Eunice, New Mexico

PROPOSED EVIDENCE

APPLICANT

WITNESSES (Name and Expertise) ESTIMATED TIME

EXHIBITS

Alberto Gutierrez (Geohydrologist) Approx. 40 Minutes

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PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Petrohawk Energy Corporation has none at this time.

William F. Carr Attorney for Petrohawk Energy Corporation

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