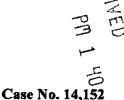
STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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

APPLICATION OF READ & STEVENS, INC. FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.



PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

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

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STATEMENT OF THE CASE

APPLICANT

Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation underlying the following described acreage in Section 5, Township 20 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, and in the following manner: Lots 1-4 and the S/2N/2 (the N/2 equivalent) to form a standard 320.20-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within that vertical extent, including the Undesignated Quail Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool; and Lots 3, 4, and the S/2NW/4 (the NW/4 equivalent) to form a standard 160.05-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 Highway 5 Fed. Com. Well No. 1, to be drilled at an orthodox location in Lot 4 (the

NW/4NW/4) of Section 5. 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 applicant as operator of the well, and a 200% charge for the risk involved in drilling and completing the well.

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PROPOSED EVIDENCE

APPLICANT

WITNESSES

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EXHIBITS

Robert Watson

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IF THE CASE IS UNCONTESTED, IT WILL BE SUBMITTED BY AFFIDAVIT.

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PROCEDURAL MATTERS

-None-

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