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 APACHE CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF A WATERFLOOD PROJECT AND TO QUALIFY THE PROJECT FOR THE RECOVERED OIL TAX RATE, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

Case No. 14,126

PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

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

APPEARANCES

APPLICANT

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STATEMENT OF THE CASE

APPLICANT

Applicant seeks approval to institute a waterflood project in the Blinebry, Tubb, and Drinkard formations by the injection of water into twenty seven wells located on state, federal, and fee lands covering parts of Sections 4, 8, 9, 16, 17, and 21, Township 21 South, Range 37 East, N.M.P.M. Applicant further seeks to qualify the project for the recovered oil tax rate pursuant to the "New Mexico Enhanced Oil Recovery Act" (Laws 1992, Chapter 38, Sections 1-5).

OPPONENT

PROPOSED EVIDENCE

<u>APPLICANT</u>

WITNESSES	EST. TIME	EXHIBITS
Mario Moreno (landman)	25 min.	Approx. 18
Robert Curtis (geologist)	25 min.	Approx. 6
Kevin Mayes (engineer)	45 min.	Approx. 10

OPPONENT

<u>WITNESSES</u> <u>EST. TIME</u> <u>EXHIBITS</u>

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Applicant requests that this matter be consolidated for hearing with Case No. 14,125.

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Respectfully submitted,

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