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# <u>CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED</u>

ConocoPhillips Company 600 North Dairy Ashford Houston, Texas 77079

Attention: Thomas Scarborough

Ladies and gentlemen:

Enclosed is a copy of an application for compulsory pooling, filed with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division by Devon Energy Production Company, L.P., regarding the  $E\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 15, Township 19 South, Range 31 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico. This matter is scheduled for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on Thursday, November 13, 2008, at the Division's offices at 1220 South St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505. As an interest owner in the well unit, you have the right to enter an appearance and participate in the case. Failure to appear will preclude you from contesting this matter at a later date.

You are required to notify (in writing) the Division, and the undersigned, by Thursday, November 6, 2008 if you intend to participate at the hearing.

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Attorney for Devon Energy Production Company, L.P.

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#### **BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**

# APPLICATION OF DEVON ENERGY PRODUCTION COMPANY, L.P. FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

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Case No. <u>14244</u>

# APPLICATION

Devon Energy Production Company, L.P. applies for an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation underlying the E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of Section 15, Township 19 South, Range 31 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico, and in support thereof, states:

1. Applicant is an interest owner in the  $E\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 15, and has the right to drill a well thereon.

2. Applicant proposes to drill its Acme "15" Fed. Com. Well No. 1, at an orthodox location in the NW¼SE¼ of Section 15, to a depth sufficient to test the Morrow formation, and seeks to dedicate the following acreage to the well:

(a) The NW<sup>1</sup>/4SE<sup>1</sup>/4 to form a standard 40 acre oil spacing and proration unit for any formations and/or pools developed on 40 acre spacing within that vertical extent, including the Undesignated West Lusk-Yates Pool, Undesignated Hackberry-Delaware Pool, and Undesignated Hackberry-Bone Spring Pool;

(b) The SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> to form a standard 160 acre oil or gas spacing and proration unit for any formations and/or pools developed on 160 acre spacing within that vertical extent, including the Undesignated Lusk-Strawn Pool; and

(c) The E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> to form a 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 Undesignated West Lusk-Morrow Gas Pool.

3. Applicant has in good faith sought to obtain the voluntary joinder of all other mineral interest owners in the  $E\frac{1}{2}$  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  $E^{1/2}$  of Section 15, pursuant to NMSA 1978 §70-2-17.

5. The pooling of all mineral interests underlying the E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> 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  $E\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 15, from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation;

B. Designating applicant as operator of the well;

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C. Considering the cost of drilling and completing the well, and allocating the cost 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.

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Respectfully submitted,

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# PROPOSED ADVERTISEMENT

Case No. \_ 14244 \_\_\_\_: Application of Devon Energy Production Company, L.P. for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. 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 15, Township 19 South, Range 31 East, NMPM, and in the following manner: The E/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 Undesignated West Lusk-Morrow Gas Pool; the SE/4 to form a standard 160-acre oil or gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within that vertical extent, including the Undesignated Lusk-Strawn Pool; and the NW/4SE/4 to form a standard 40acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations or pools developed on 40acre spacing within that vertical extent, including the Undesignated West Lusk-Yates Pool, Undesignated Hackberry-Delaware Pool, and Undesignated Hackberry-Bone Spring Pool. The units are to be dedicated to the Acme "15" Fed. Com. Well No. 1, to be drilled at an orthodox location in the NW/4SE/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 applicant as operator of the well, and a 200% charge for the risk involved in drilling and completing the well. The units are located approximately 12 miles southeast of Loco Hills, New Mexico.