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

#### Dear Florene:

Enclosed for filing, on behalf of El Paso E&P Company, L.P., are an original and five copies of applications for hearing de novo in Cases 14149 and 14150, together with proposed advertisements for each case. The advertisements have also been e-mailed to the Division. Please set these matters for the next available Commission hearing. Thank you.

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Very truly yours,

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

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

APPLICATION OF EL PASO E&P COMPANY, L.P. TO ABOLISH THE VAN BREMMER CANYON-VERMEJO GAS POOL, EXPAND THE CASTLE ROCK PARK- VERMEJO GAS POOL, AND ESTABLISH SPECIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE CASTLE ROCK PARK-VERMEJO GAS POOL, COLFAX COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

Case No. 14,149 Order No. R-13,010

#### **APPLICATION FOR HEARING DE NOVO**

El Paso E&P Company, L.P., a party of record adversely affected by the above Order, requests that this matter be heard *de novo* before the Oil Conservation Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### PROPOSED ADVERTISEMENT

Case No. 14149: De Novo

Application of El Paso E&P Company, L.P. to abolish the Van Bremmer Canyon-Vermejo Gas Pool, expand the Castle Rock Park-Vermejo Gas Pool, and to establish special rules and regulations for the Castle Rock Park-Vermejo Gas Pool, Colfax County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order (i) abolishing the Van Bremmer Canyon-Vermejo Gas Pool to include acreage formerly within the Van Bremmer Canyon-Vermejo Gas Pool, (iii) expanding the horizontal extent of the Castle Rock Park-Vermejo Gas Pool, (iii) expanding the horizontal extent of the Castle Rock Park-Vermejo Gas Pool to include additional acreage, and (iv) instituting special rules and regulations for the Castle Rock Park-Vermejo Gas Pool, including: (a) 160 acre well units; (b) wells to be located no closer than 10 feet to a quarter section line or an interior quarter-quarter section line; (c) two wells per well unit, subject to the directional drilling provisions of NMAC 19.15.3.111; (d) an administrative procedure for an exception to the well density provisions of the pool rules; and (e) a buffer zone where wells must be located in accordance with the Division's statewide well location rules. The Castle Rock Park-Vermejo Gas Pool, as expanded, will include the following lands:

Township 29 North, Range 18 East, N.M.P.M.

Sections 1-3: All
Section 4: NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>
Section 10: E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>
Sections 11-14: All

Sections 23-25: All

Township 29 North, Range 19 East, N.M.P.M.

 Section 3:
 W½

 Sections 4-9:
 All

 Section 10:
 SW¼

 Section 16:
 W½

 Sections 17-20:
 All

 Section 21:
 W½

Section 30: NW1/4

Township 30 North, Range 17 East, N.M.P.M.

Sections 1-3: All Section 9: SE½
Sections 10-16: All Section 17: NE½
Section 21: N½
Section 22: N½
Section 23: N½

Township 30 North, Range 18 East, N.M.P.M.

All

Sections 3-29: All

Section 24:

Section 30: N1/2 and SE1/4 Section 32: N1/2 and SE1/4

Sections 33-36: All

#### Township 30 North, Range 19 East, N.M.P.M.

Section 7: All Section 17:  $NW^{1/4}$ Section 18: All Section 19: All Section 20: All SW1/4 Section 21:

W1/2 and SE1/4 Section 28:

Sections 29-32: All

Section 33: W1/2 and SE1/4

#### Township 31 North, Range 17 East, N.M.P.M.

Section 13:  $S^{1/2}$ Section 14: All Sections 23-26: All

Section 27: NE1/4 and S1/2

Section 28: SE1/4 Section 33:  $E\frac{1}{2}$ Sections 34-36: All

#### Township 31 North, Range 18 East, N.M.P.M.

Section 29:

All

Section 30: W1/2 and SE1/4

Section 31: All All Section 32: Section 33:  $W^{1/2}$ 

The Castle Rock Park-Vermejo Gas Pool is centered approximately 31 miles west-southwest of Raton, New Mexico. Upon application of El Paso E&P Company, L.P., this case will be heard De Novo pursuant to the provisions of Division Rule 1221.