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 MCELVAIN OIL & GAS PROPERTIES, INC. FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

IN DEC 30 A III:

CASE NO. 14585 ⊳

PRE- HEARING STATEMENT

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

APPEARANCES OF PARTIES

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STATEMENT OF CASE

APPLICANT

Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks an order pooling all uncommitted mineral interests in all formations from the surface to the base of the Fruitland Coal formation underlying the N/2 of Section 32, Township 31 North, Range 13 West, N.M.P.M., San Juan County, New Mexico, for all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within this vertical extent including but not limited to the Basin Fruitland Coal Gas Pool. This unit is to be dedicated to the Pepper Well No. 1S, to be completed at a location in the SW/4 NW/4 of said Section 32 to test the Fruitland Coal formation. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said 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 the imposition of a 200% risk charge against the

working interest of any party that elects not to participate in this project. Said area is located approximately 10 miles north of Farmington, New Mexico.

PROPOSED EVIDENCE

WITNESSES

ESTIMATED TIME

EXHIBITS

By Affidavit.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

McElvain has none at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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