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Mark E. Fesmire, P.E. Director Oil Conservation Division New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department 1220 South Saint Francis Drive Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Case 14497

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# Re: Application of David H. Arrington Oil & Gas Inc. for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Fesmire:

Enclosed is the application of David H. Arrington Oil & Gas, Inc. in the above-referenced case as well as a copy of a legal advertisement. Arrington requests that this matter be placed on the docket for the June 24, 2010 Examiner hearings.

Sincerely,

Ocean Munds-Dry

Enclosures

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## STATE OF NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION 2010 MAY 25 P 3: 24

## IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DAVID H. ARRINGTON OIL & GAS, INC. FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO. <u>14497</u>

#### APPLICATION

DAVID H. ARRINGTON OIL & GAS, INC., ("Arrington") through its undersigned attorneys, hereby makes application to the Oil Conservation Division pursuant to the provisions of N.M. Stat. Ann. § 70-2-17, for an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation in the following described spacing unit located in the S/2 of Section 26, Township 15 South, Range 34 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico: the S/2 for all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within this vertical extent including theNorth Eidson Morrow Gas Pool, the Undesignated North Hume Morrow Gas Pool and the Undesignated Grassland Austin Gas Pool; and the SE/4 for all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within this vertical extent. In support of its application, Arrington states:

1. Arrington is a working interest owner in the S/2 of said Section 26 and has the right to drill thereon.

2. Arrington proposes to dedicate the above-referenced spacing or proration units to its Green Eyed Squealy Worm Well No. 1 to be re-entered at a location 1974 feet from the South line and 1129 feet from the East line of said Section 26. 3. Arrington has been unable to obtain voluntary agreement for the development of these lands from certain working interest owners in the subject spacing unit. These owners are identified on <u>Exhibit A</u> to this application.

4. Said pooling of interests will avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, will prevent waste and will protect correlative rights.

5. In order to permit Arrington to obtain its just and fair share of the oil and gas underlying the subject lands, all mineral interests should be pooled, and David H. Arrington Oil & Gas Inc. should be designated the operator of the well to be drilled.

WHEREFORE, David H. Arrington Oil & Gas, Inc. requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on June 24, 2010 and, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter its order:

- A. pooling all mineral interests in the subject spacing unit,
- B. designating David H. Arrington Oil & Gas, Inc. operator of this spacing unit and the well to be drilled thereon,
- C. authorizing David H. Arrington Oil & Gas, Inc. to recover its costs of drilling, equipping and completing the well,
- D. approving the actual operating charges and costs of supervision while drilling and after completion, together with a provision adjusting the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedures, and
- E. imposing a 200% penalty for the risk assumed by David H. Arrington Oil & Gas, Inc. in drilling and completing the well against any working interest owner who does not voluntarily participate in the drilling of the well.

Respectfully submitted, HOLLAND & HART LLP

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By: Ocean Murds

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ATTORNEYS FOR DAVID H. ARRINGTON OIL & GAS, INC.

#### EXHIBIT A

## APPLICATION OF DAVID H. ARRINGTON OIL & GAS, INC. FOR COMPULSORY POOLING S/2 SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 15 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, N.M.P.M. LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

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Heirs or devisees of Baron Duff Dennis (Jessie A. Dennis, sole heir) 231 Middlebury San Antonio, Texas 78127

JoAnn DeNitto, as her separate property 30 Crockett Circle Levelland, Texas 79336 Angela McAlpin, Personal Representative of the Estate of G.T. McAlpin, deceased 665 Lincoln Court Grand Junction, CO 81503

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### CASE <u>14497</u>: Application of David H. Arrington Oil & Gas Inc. for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation in the following described spacing unit located in the S/2 of Section 26, Township 15 South, Range 34 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico: the S/2 for all formations and/or pools developed on 320acre spacing within this vertical extent including the North Eidson Morrow Gas Pool, the Undesignated North Hume Morrow Gas Pool and the Undesignated Grassland Austin Gas Pool; and the SE/4 for all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within this vertical extent. Said unit is to be dedicated to its Green Eyed Squealy Worm Well No. 1 to be re-entered 1974 feet from the South line and 1129 feet from the East line of said Section 26. 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 David H. Arrington Oil & Gas Inc. as operator of the well and a 200% charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located approximately 3 miles west of Lovington, New Mexico.

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