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#### HAND DELIVERED

Mr. Daniel Sanchez, Acting Director Oil Conservation Division 1220 South Saint Francis Drive Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: Southeast Lusk "34" Federal Com. Well No. 6-H Dedication: W/2W/2 of Section 34, T19S, R32E (APD #30-025--pending) Application of Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado for Designation of a Non-Standard Spacing Unit and for Compulsory Pooling, Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Sanchez

On behalf of Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado ("Cimarex"), please find enclosed our referenced application which we request be set for hearing on the Examiner's docket now scheduled for April 28, 2011. Also enclosed is our proposed advertisement of this case for the NMO<u>CD</u> docket.

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Case 14635

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Cimarex Energy Co. Attn: Mike Wallace

CASE 14635: Application of Cimarex Energy Co. for a Non-Standard Spacing and Proration Unit and Compulsory Pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order consolidating the four 40-acres spacing units within the W/2W/2 of Section 34, Township 19 South, Range 32 East and designating the consolidated units as a 160-acre non-standard oil spacing and proration unit for a well locations in the Bone Springs formation for Applicant's horizontal drilling project area. Applicant further seeks the compulsory pooling of all interest in the Bone Springs formations, including the South Lusk-Bone Springs Pool (code 41460), underlying the W/2W/2 of this section to be dedicated to its Southeast Lusk "34" Federal Com Well No. 6-H to be drilled horizontally from a surface location (Unit D) 490 feet FNL and 360 feet FWL to a bottom hole location (Unit M) 330 feet FSL and 660 feet FWL within this section and to a depth sufficient to test the Bone Springs formation. Also to be considered will be the costs of the drilling and completing this well and the allocation of the costs thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of Cimarex Energy Co. as the operator of the well a risk charge of 200% for the risk involved in this well. This unit is located approximately five miles northeast of the intersection of US Highway 62/180 and State Highway 176, New Mexico.

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

# IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CIMAREX ENERGY CO. OF COLORADO FOR DESIGNATION OF A NON-STANDARD SPACING AND PRORATION UNIT AND FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO. 1463

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#### <u>APPLICATION</u>

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado ("Cimarex") by its attorneys, Kellahin & Kellahin, seeks an order consolidating four 40-acres spacing units within the W/2W/2 of Section 34, Township 19 South, Range 32 East and designating the units as a 160-acre non-standard oil spacing and proration unit for a well location in the Bone Springs formation, including the South Lusk-Bone Springs Pool (Code #41460), for applicant's horizontal drilling project area. Applicant further seeks the compulsory pooling of all interest in the Bone Springs formations underlying the E/2W/2 of this section to be dedicated to its SE Lusk "34" Federal Com Well No. 6-H to be drilled horizontally from a surface location (Unit D) 490 feet FNL and 360 feet FWL to a bottom hole location (Unit M) 330 feet FSL and 660 feet FWL within this section and to a depth sufficient to test the Bone Springs, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, Also to be considered will be the costs of the drilling and completing this well and the allocation of the costs thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado as the operator of the well and a risk charge of 200% for the risk involved in this well.

In support of its application Cimarex states:

- (1) Cimarex proposes to drill and operate the South East Lusk 33 #6-H to be a horizontal wellbore has set forth on the C-102 attached as Exhibit "A"
- (2) Cimarex has a working interest ownership within the proposed 160-acre spacing unit and has an interest in each of the four 40-acre tracts.

- (3) On January 18, 2011, Cimarex sent a well proposal letter, including an AFE, to the remaining uncommitted working interest owners within the project area.
- (4) Despite reasonable efforts, Cimarex was unable to conclude a voluntary agreement with those parties listed on Exhibit "B" attached.
- (5) Pursuant to Commission Order R-11992, effective August 15, 2003, Cimarex requests that the 200% risk charge be applied.
- (6) As currently required by the Division, Cimarex has identified the offsetting operators and/or working interest to this project area and will provide notification. See Exhibit "C" attached.
- (7) Pursuant to Section 70-2-17.C NMSA (1978) and in order to obtain its just and equitable share of potential production underlying this spacing unit, Cimarex needs an order of the Division pooling the identified and described mineral interests involved in order to protect correlative rights and prevent waste.
- (8) In accordance with the Division's notice requirements, a copy of this application has been sent to those other working interests owners to be pooled, as listed on Exhibit "B" and to those offsetting operator/working interest owners adjacent to this non-standard spacing and proration unit, as listed on Exhibit "C" and of the applicant's request for a hearing of this matter before the Division on the next available Examiner's docket now scheduled for April 28, 2011.

WHEREFORE, Cimarex, as applicant, requests that this application be set for hearing on April 28, 2011 before the Division's duly appointed examiner, and that after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter its order pooling the mineral interest described in the appropriate spacing unit for this well at a standard well location upon terms and conditions which include:

- (1) Cimarex Energy Co. be named operator.
- (2) Provisions for applicant and all working interest owners to participate in the costs of drilling, completing, equipping and operating the well;

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- (3) In the event a mineral interest or working interest owner fails to elect to participate, then provision be made to recover out of production, the costs of the drilling, completing, equipping and operating the well, including a risk factor penalty of 200%.
- (4) Provision for overhead rates per month drilling and per month operating and a provision providing for an adjustment method of the overhead rates as provided by COPAS;
- (5) For such other and further relief as may be proper.

RESPECTFULLY **JBMITTED:** W. T OMAS KELLAHIN KELLAHIN & KELLAHIN 706 Gonzales Road Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501 Telephone: (505) 982-4285 Fax: (505) 216-2780 tkellahin@comcast.net

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DISTRICT III 1000 Rio Brazos Rd., Aztec, NM 87410

DISTRICT IV 1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505 State of New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

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Form C-102

Submit one copy to appropriate District Office

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION 1220 South St. Francis Dr. Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

□ AMENDED REPORT

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#### **EXHIBIT "B"**

### PARTIES TO BE POOLED

Apache Corporation 303 Veterans Air Park Lane, Ste. 300 Midland, TX 79705 Attn: Michelle Hanson

Pure Energy Group, Inc. 22610 US Hwy. 281 North, Ste 218 San Antonio, TX 78258

Cross Border Resources 22610 U.S. Highway 281 N., Ste 218 San Antonio, TX 78258

#### **EXHIBIT "C"**

#### OFFSETTING OPERATORS OR WORKING INTEREST OWNERS

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EOG Resources, Inc. P. O. Box 2267 Midland, TX 79702