

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

FILED

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

CASE NO. 11325

APPLICATION OF TEXACO EXPLORATION  
AND PRODUCTION INC., FOR A HIGH ANGLE/  
HORIZONTAL DIRECTIONAL DRILLING PILOT  
PROJECT, SPECIAL OPERATING RULES  
THEREFOR, A NON-STANDARD OIL PRORATION  
UNIT, AND A SPECIAL PROJECT ALLOWABLE,  
RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

**PRE-HEARING STATEMENT**

This Prehearing Statement is submitted by Campbell, Carr & Berge, P.A., as required  
by the Oil Conservation Division.

**APPEARANCES OF PARTIES**

**APPLICANT**

**ATTORNEY**

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**INTERESTED PARTY**

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**STATEMENT OF CASE**

APPLICANT

(Please make a concise statement of what is being sought with this application and the reasons therefore.)

Texaco Exploration and Production Inc., applicant in the above-styled cause, seeks to initiate a high angle/horizontal directional drilling pilot project in the West Lindrith Gallup-Dakota Oil Pool underlying the S/2 of Section 17, Township 25 North, Range 3 West, to form a non-standard 320-acre oil spacing and proration unit for said pool. The applicant proposes to re-complete the existing C. W. Roberts Well No. 4, located at a previously approved unorthodox surface oil well location (Division Administrative Order NSL-626) 660 feet from the South and West lines (Unit M) of said Section 17, by kicking off from vertical in an easterly direction commencing to build angle at an appropriate rate to horizontally traverse the proposed producing area. Further, the applicant seeks the promulgation of special operating rules and procedures therefor including the designation of a target window such that the horizontal or producing portion of the wellbore shall be no closer than 660 feet to the outer boundary of the project area, and for a special project allowable.

OTHER PARTY

(Please make a concise statement of the basis for opposing this application or otherwise state the position of the party filing this statement.)

**PROPOSED EVIDENCE**

APPLICANT

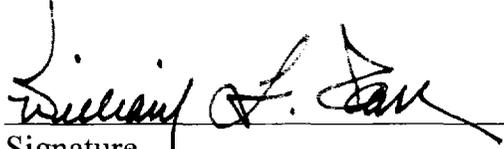
WITNESSES (Name and expertise)	EST. TIME	EXHIBITS
Chuck Snure, Landman	10 Min.	Approximately 4
Gary G. Oberhansley, Geologist	10 Min.	Approximately 1
Philip W. Smith, Petroleum Engineer	10 Min.	Approximately 4

OTHER PARTY

WITNESSES (Name and expertise)	EST. TIME	EXHIBITS
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**PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

(Please identify any procedural matters which need to be resolved prior to hearing)

  
Signature