

**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:

CASE NO. 11615

APPLICATION OF THORNTON OPERATING
CORPORATION FOR POOL CONTRACTION,
POOL CREATION, SPECIAL POOL RULES,
NON-STANDARD SPACING OR PRORATION UNIT,
DIRECTIONAL DRILLING AND AN
UNORTHODOX WELL LOCATION,
CHAVES COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

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

APPEARANCES OF PARTIES

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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.)

Thornton Operating Corporation, applicant in the above-styled cause, seeks the contraction of the South Lone Wolf-Devonian Pool to exclude the NW/4 of Section 26 and the NE/4 of Section 27, Township 13 South, Range 29 East; the creation of a new pool for the production from the Devonian formation underlying the SW/4 SW/4 of Section 23 and the NW/4 NW/4 of Section 26, Township 13 South, Range 29 East, for the promulgation of special rules and regulations therefor including 80-acre gas spacing units and designated well location requirements, a non-standard oil proration unit comprised of the SW/4 SW/4 of said Section 23 and the NW/4 NW/4 of said Section 26, reentry and directional drilling of the McClellan Federal Well No. 1 from a previously approved surface location 182 feet from the North line and 507 feet from the West line of said Section 26 and approval of an unorthodox bottomhole location for this well in the Devonian formation within 100 feet of a point 148 feet from the South line and 177 feet from the West line of said Section 23.

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

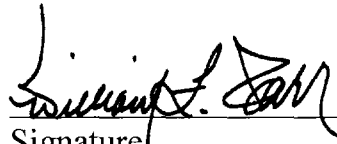
WITNESSES (Name and expertise)	EST. TIME	EXHIBITS
Robert Thornton, Landman	15 Min.	Approximately 8

OTHER PARTY

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PROCEDURAL MATTERS

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


Signature