# 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 VANCO OIL & GAS CORP. AND ITS AFFILIATE CBS OPERATING CORP. FOR AMENDMENT OF DIVISION ORDER NO. R-11435 TO AUTHORIZE A PRESSURE MAINTENANCE PROJECT IN THE NORTH SQUARE LAKE UNIT AREA, ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL INJECTION WELLS, AND FOR QUALIFICATION OF THE PROJECT AREA FOR THE RECOVERED OIL TAX RATE PURSUANT TO THE ENHANCED OIL RECOVERY ACT, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO. 12112 (REOPENED)

# PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

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

#### APPEARANCES OF PARTIES

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#### STATEMENT OF CASE

### **APPLICANT**

Applicant seeks an amendment of Division Order No. R-11435 to authorize a pressure maintenance project in the North Square lake Unit Area, establish procedures for approval of

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additional injection wells, and for Qualification of the project area for the Recovered Oil Tax Rate pursuant to the Enhanced Oil Recovery Act, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks amendment of Division Order No. R-11435 which approved a waterflood project in the North Square Lake Unit Area to authorize a pressure maintenance project by injection of water into the Grayburg and San Andres formations through and additional injection wells to be either drilled or re-completed to injection in the North Square Lake Unit Area with injection to be allowed once all remedial work, if any, has been performed in the 1/2 mile area of review for each proposed injection well as required by the rules of the Oil Conservation Division. Applicants also seek the establishment of an administrative procedure whereby additional wells within the North Square Lake Unit Area can be drilled and/or converted to injection without the necessity of additional hearings and to qualify this project for the Recovered Oil Tax Rate pursuant to the Enhanced Oil Recovery Act. The North Square Lake Unit is located in the following described lands in Eddy County, New Mexico:

## TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, NMPM

Section 25: E/2Section 36: N/2

# TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, NMPM

Section 19: S/2Section 20: S/2

Section 27: SW/4, W/2 SE/4,

> SE/4 SE/4, SW/4 NE/4, S/2 NW/4, NW/4 NW/4

> > Approx. 4

Section 28 -34: All

The unit area is approximately five miles northeast of Loco Hills, New Mexico.

#### PROPOSED EVIDENCE

#### APPLICANT

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WITNESSES (Name and Expertise)	ESTIMATED TIME	EXHIBITS
David Cotner (Land)	Approx. 15 Minutes	Approx. 2

Approx. 20 Minutes

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# PROCEDURAL MATTERS

VANCO Oil & Gas Corp. and its affiliate, CBS Operating Corp., have none at this time.

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