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Ms. Florene Davidson New Mexico Oil Conservation Division 2040 South Pacheco Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re:

Application of Energen Resources Corporation for Compulsory Pooling, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico (Carson No. 4)

Dear Florene:

Enclosed are the original and two copies of the Application of Energen Resources Corporation for Compulsory Pooling, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. We request that this matter be scheduled for hearing on the April 15, 1999 examiner hearing docket.

Enclosed is a proposed advertisement for the referenced Application.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very Truly Yours,

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JSH:cw Enclosure:

cc: Rich Corcoran

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ENERGEN RESOURCES CORPORATION FOR COMPULSORY POOLING FOR AN INITIAL WELL AND FOR AN INFILL WELL, RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO 99 MAR 23 ME 23 ME 206

APPLICATION

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORPORATION, by its undersigned attorneys, Miller, Stratvert & Torgerson, P.A., hereby makes application pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section 70-2-17 for an order pooling all of the mineral interests in the Mesa Verde formation and the Dakota formation in and under the W/2 of Section 19, Township 30 North, Range 4 West, NMPM, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, and in support thereof would show the Division:

- 1. Applicant owns certain working interests in and under the W/2 of Section 19, and Applicant has the right to drill thereon.
- 2. Applicant proposes to dedicate the above-referenced pooled units to its Carson No. 4 well to be drilled at a standard location 1,561 feet from the north line and 946 feet from the west line (Unit E) of said Section 19.
- 3. Applicant also seeks approval to dedicate the above-referenced pooled units to its Carson No. 4-M infill well to be drilled at a standard infill location 794 feet from the south line and 1,551 feet from the west line (Unit L) of said Section 19, following the successful completion of the initial Carson No. 4 well referenced above.

4. Applicant has been unable to obtain voluntary agreement for pooling or

farmout from certain other interest owners in the W/2 of said Section 19.

5. In order to permit the Applicant to obtain its just and fair share of the oil

and gas underlying the subject lands, the mineral interests should be pooled and

Applicant should be designated operator of the wells.

6. Said pooling of interests will avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, will

prevent waste and will protect correlative rights.

WHEREFORE Applicant prays that this Application be set for hearing before a

duly appointed examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on April 15, 1999 and that

after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter its Order pooling the lands,

including provisions for Applicant to recover its costs of drilling, equipping and

completing each of the wells, its costs of supervision while drilling and after completion,

including overhead charges, and imposing a 200% risk factor for the risk assumed by the

Applicant in drilling, completing and equipping the wells, and making such other and

further provisions as maybe proper in the premises.

Submitted by,

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Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Mesa Verde and Dakota formations the W/2 of Section 19, Township 30 North, Range 4 West, NMPM, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, forming standard 320 acre spacing and proration units respectively. Said units are to be dedicated to Applicant's Carson No. 4 well which is to be located in Unit E of said Section 19. Applicant also seeks approval to dedicate the pooled units to its Carson No. 4-M infill well to be drilled at a standard infill location in unit L of said Section 19, following the completion of the Carson No. 4 well. Also to be considered will be cost of drilling and completing said wells and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the wells and a charge for the risk involved in drilling the wells. Said wells are located approximately 6 miles northeast of Gobernador, New Mexico.

OIL CONSTRUCTION DIV.