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Lori Wrotenbery, Director Oil Conservation Division New Mexico Department of Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources 2040 South Pacheco Street Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503

Case 12251

Re: Application of McElvain Oil & Gas Properties, Inc. for Compulsory Pooling, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

Enclosed in triplicate is the Application of McElvain Oil & Gas Properties, Inc. in the abovereferenced case as well as a copy of the legal advertisement. McElvain Oil & Gas Properties, Inc. requests that this application be set for hearing before a Division Examiner on October 7, 1999.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM F. CARR

WFC:mlh **Enclosures**

Mr. Steve Jordan (w/enclosures) cc: McElvain Oil & Gas Properties, Inc. 409 St. Michael's Drive Post Office Box 2148 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2148

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF McELVAIN OIL & GAS PROPERTIES, INC. FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO. 1225]

APPLICATION

McELVAIN OIL AND GAS PROPERTIES, INC. ("McElvain"), through its undersigned attorneys, hereby makes application pursuant to the provisions of N.M.Stat.Ann. § 70-2-17, (1978), for an order pooling all mineral interests in all formations below the base of the Pictured Cliffs formation developed on 320-acre spacing in Lots 1, 2,

S/2 NE/4, SE/4 (E/2 equivalent) of Section 4, Township 25 North, Range 2 West, N.M.P.M., Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, and in support thereof states:

- 1. McElvain is a working interest owner in the E/2 of said Section 4 and has the right to drill thereon.
- 2. McElvain proposes to dedicate the above-referenced spacing or proration units to its Elk Com "4" Well No. 1 (formerly the Elk Com Well No. 4-7) to be drilled at a standard location in the NE/4 of said Section 4, to a depth sufficient to test any and all formations to the base of the Mesaverde formation, Blanco-Mesaverde Gas Pool.
- 3. Applicant has sought and been unable to obtain either voluntary agreement for pooling or farmout from certain interest owners in the subject spacing units identified on Exhibit A to this application.

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

prevent waste and will protect correlative rights.

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

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

& Gas Properties, Inc. should be designated the operator of the well to be drilled.

WHEREFORE, McElvain Oil & Gas Properties, Inc. requests that this application be

set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on October 7, 1999, and,

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

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

the well, its costs of supervision while drilling and after completion, including overhead

charges, and imposing a risk factor for the risk assumed by the McElvain in drilling,

completing and equipping the well.

Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBIT A

APPLICATION OF McELVAIN OIL & GAS PROPERTIES, INC. FOR COMPULSORY POOLING E/2 EQUIVALENT OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, N.M.P.M. RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

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Dugan Production Corporation Post Office Box 5820 Farmington, New Mexico 87499-5820 CASE 12251:

Application of McElvain Oil & Gas Properties, Inc. for compulsory pooling, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant in the abovestyled cause seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in all formations developed on 320-acre spacing from the base of the Pictured Cliffs Formation to the base of the Mesaverde formation in Lots 1, 2, S/2 NE/4, SE/4 (E/2 Equivalent), of Section 4, Township 25 North, Range 2 West, N.M.P.M. Said units are to be dedicated to its Elk Com 4 Well No. 1 to be drilled to a depth sufficient to test all formations to the base of the Mesaverde formation, Blanco-Mesaverde Gas Pool, at a standard location in the NE/4 of said Section 4. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located approximately 9 miles north of Lindrith, New Mexico.