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. 12,747

PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

This Pre-Hearing Statement is submitted by Miller, Stratvert & Torgerson, P.A.,

attorneys for D. J. Simmons, Inc., as required by the Oil Conservation Division.

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None to date/unknown

OTHER PARTY

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

APPLICANT

OPPOSITION OR OTHER PARTY

D.J. Simmons, Inc. owns or controls the majority of the working interest in the E/2 of Section 25, T-25-N, R-3-W which will be dedicated to its proposed Bishop 25-1 well to be drilled to the Blanco-Mesaverde and Gallup-Dakota pools. D.J. Simmons accordingly opposes Applicant's efforts to force-pool a N/2 unit in Section 25.

PROPOSED EVIDENCE

APPLICANT

WITNESSES (Name and expertise)	EST. TIME	EXHIBITS
	OPPOSITION	
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(Name and expertise)		
Ed Dunn - Landman	20	4
Lisa Gusek – Geologist	20	4
Tom Mullins – Petroleum Engineer	20	4

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

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

By Order No. R-11663-C (Case Nos. 12635 and 12705), the Commission directed the Applicant to dedicate the W/2 of Section 25 to its Naomi No. 1 well, thus precluding the creation of a N/2 unit. D.J. Simmons, Inc. will accordingly request the dismissal of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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