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

APPLICATION OF RICHARDSON PRODUCTION COMPANY FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO. 12798

SFED-4 PN

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APPLICANT'S PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

This Pre-Hearing Statement is submitted by applicant pursuant to the rules of the Oil 52 Conservation Division.

APPEARANCES

APPLICANT

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OPPONENT

OPPONENT'S ATTORNEY

None.

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APPLICANT'S STATEMENT OF ITS CASE

Richardson Production Company ("Richardson") seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Pictured Cliffs formation underlying the SE/4 of Section 17, Township 29 North, Range 13 West, to form a standard 160-acre spacing and proration unit for Richardson's proposed RPC "17" Well No. 4 to be located at an unorthodox gas well location in Unit O of Section 17 for production from the Pictured Cliffs formation. Also to be considered will be the costs of participation in the well, including but not limited to the costs of drilling, completing and equipping, with inclusion of a risk factor penalty and the allocation of costs and income therefor as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision. It is requested that Richardson Operating Company be designated operator of the proposed well, which is located approximately 1-1/4 miles west from the Center of the City of Farmington, New Mexico.

APPLICANT'S PROPOSED EVIDENCE

WITNESSES (Name and expertise)	EST. TIME	EXHIBITS
Rebecca VanBlaricom (Landman)	15 Minutes	Approximately 5
David Richardson (Geologist)	10 Minutes	Approximately 4

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PROCEDURAL MATTERS

None.

Respectfully submitted,

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