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

CASE NO. 12863

APPLICATION OF MATADOR E & P COMPANY FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

FRE-HEARING STATEMENT

This pre-hearing statement is submitted by Matador E & P Company, as required by the Oil Conservation Division.

APPEARANCE OF PARTIES

APPLICANT

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OPPONENT

ATTORNEY

STATEMENT OF CASE

Matador E & P Company has a the working interest ownership in the oil and gas minerals from the Monument Pubb Pool and proposed to dedicated this Cooper 4 Well No. 2 to a standard 80-acre spacing and proration unit consisting of N/2NW/4 of Section 4, T20S, R37E, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

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Matador has certain leases in this spacing unit which do not contain pooling clauses. There are 53 royalty and overriding royalty owners and Matador has obtained written approval from 16 owner agreeing to pool their respective interest in this spacing unit. Despite its good faith efforts, Matador has not be able to obtain the consent of all royalty and overriding royalty owners.

Pursuant to Section 70-2-17.C NMSA (1978) and in order to obtain its just and equitable share of potential production underlying this spacing unit, the applicant needs an order of the Division possing the identified and described mineral interests involved in order to protect correlative rights and prevent waste.

PROPOSED EVIDENCE

APPLICANT:

WITNESSES

EST. TIME EXHIBITS

Jay Beavers (landman)

15-20 Min. @ 6 exhibits

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

None anticipated at this time

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