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Ms. Florene Davidson **New Mexico Oil Conservation Division** 1220 South St. Francis Drive Santa Fe, NM 87505

Re:

MOCD Case No. 12875

¿Docket No. 17-02 June 13, 2002

Dear Ms. Davidson:

Attached is Dugan's Pre-hearing Statement for the subject case, which has been re-scheduled to the examinendocket for June 27, 2002.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely

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**Attachment** 

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

**CASE NO. 12875** 

APPLICATION OF TEXAKOMA OIL & GAS CORPORATION SEEKING APPROVAL TO DRILL ITS PROPOSED BLACK HILLS "16" WELL NO. 1 (API NO. 30-045-31077) AT AN OFF-PATTERN NON-STANDARD COAL GAS WELL LOCATION 772 FEET FROM THE SOUTH LINE AND 701 FEET FROM THE EAST LINE (UNIT P) OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST. THE SOUTH HALF OF SECTION 16 IS TO BE DEDICATED TO THIS WELL IN ORDER TO FORM A STANDARD 320-ACRE GAS SPACING AND PRORATION UNIT FOR THE BASIN FRUITLAND COAL GAS POOL.

### **PRE-HEARING STATEMENT**

This pre-hearing statement is submitted by John A Dean, Jr. for Dugan Production Corp. as required by the Oil Conservation Division.

#### **APPEARANCES OF PARTIES**

<u>APPLICANT</u> ATTORNEY

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Not known

# OPPOSITION OR OTHER PARTY

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#### STATEMENT OF CASE

# **APPLICANT**

Texakoma Oil & Gas Corporation has submitted an application to the New Mexico Oil Consequation Division dated 05-21-02 requesting administrative approval to drill a Basin Fruitland Coal development well in the SE/4 of Section 16, T-26N, R-13W at an off-pattern unorthodox location for the Basin Fruitland Coal pool. They state that their application is based upon geologic factors and that the proposed location is near the western edge of the productive area of the Fruitland Coal formation and is considered to be a marginal economic venture. Dugan Production Corp. has timely filed an objection to Texakoma's application and as a result, the NMOCD has scheduled Texakoma's application for the examiner hearing scheduled on 06-13-02.

## OPPOSITION OR OTHER PARTY

Dugan Production Corp. opposes the drilling of a well in the SE/4 of Section 16, T-26N, R-13W to develop a 320-acre spacing unit comprising the south half of this section. We do not agree that a trend line running from the northeast corner of Section 9 to the southwest corner of Section 21 defines the western edge of economic production in the Fruitland Coal for this area, and we are unaware of any reason that a standard location Basin Fruitland Coal well cannot be drilled in the southwest quarter of Section 16 to develop the south half spacing unit.

#### PROPOSED EVIDENCE

**APPLICANT** 

**WITNESSES** 

EST. TIME

**EXHIBITS** 

Not known

**OPPOSITION** 

**WITNESSES** 

EST. TIME

**EXHIBITS** 

John Roe, Engineering Manager

20 minutes

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#### **PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

It is Dugan Production's understanding that the Coal Bed Methane Committee is nearing a consensus and that the committee is considering a proposal to amend the Basin Fruitland Coal Pool Rules to allow infill drilling. It is also our understanding that the Committee's recommendations will be based upon a substantial work effort and will be considered during an examiner hearing in July, 2002. Upon amending the special pool rules to allow infill drilling, Texakoma's application will likely not be necessary, and the separate hearing of this case will not be an efficient use of time and effort for not only Dugan Production, but also the applicant and the NMOCD.

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