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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF RICKS EXPLORATION INC. FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO.: 12902

PRE-HEARING STATEMENT OF MATRIX PRODUCTION COMPANY

This Prehearing Statement is submitted by Matrix Production Company, by and through its attorneys, Montgomery & Andrews, P.A., Paul R. Owen, Esq., as required by the Oil Conservation Division.

APPEARANCES OF PARTIES

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Oil Conservation Division

APPLICANT

Matrix Production Company Attention: Victor Linck 1650 Highway 6, Suite 120 Midland, Texas 79705 (281) 265-1212

OPPOSITION OR OTHER PARTY

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STATEMENT OF CASE

APPLICANT

Applicant's case is stated in its Application.

MATRIX PRODUCTION COMPANY

Matrix will examine the suitability of appointing Ricks Exploration, Inc. operator of the proposed well and the risk associated with drilling the proposed well.

PROPOSED EVIDENCE

MATRIX PRODUCTION COMPANY

WITNESSES

(Name and expertise) EST. TIME EXHIBITS

Fred Bryla Approx. 30 min. Approx. 4

(Petroleum Engineer)

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Paul R. Owen

ATTORNEY FOR MATRIX PRODUCTION

COMPANY

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 16th day of August, 2002, I have caused a copy of our Prehearing Statement in the above-captioned case to be sent by first class U.S. Mail, return receipt requested, to the following named parties:

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