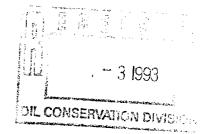
STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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

CASE NO. 10798

APPLICATION OF TEXACO EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION INC., TO AUTHORIZE THE EXPANSION OF A PORTION OF ITS COOPER JAL UNIT WATERFLOOD PROJECT, AND QUALIFY SAID EXPANSION FOR THE RECOVERED TAX RATE PURSUANT TO THE "NEW MEXICO ENHANCED OIL RECOVERY ACT", JALMAT AND LANGLIE-MATTIX POOLS, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.



PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

This Prehearing Statement is submitted by Campbell, Carr, Berge & Sheridan, P.A., as required by the Oil Conservation Division.

APPEARANCES OF PARTIES

APPLICANT

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OPPOSITION OR OTHER PARTY

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STATEMENT OF CASE

APPLICANT

(Please make a concise statement of what is being sought with this application and the reasons therefore.)

Texaco Exploration and Production Inc., applicant in the above-captioned cause, seeks an order pursuant to the rules and procedures for Qualification of Enhanced Oil Recovery Project and Certification for the Recovery Oil Tax Rate, as promulgated by Division Order No. R-9708, qualifying a portion of its Cooper Jal Unit Waterflood project for the Recovered Oil Tax Rate under the "Enhanced Oil Recovery Act" (Laws 1992, Chapter 38, Sections 1 through 5). The portion of the Cooper Jal Unit to be included in the project area is as follows:

TOWNSHIP 24 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST, N.M.P.M.

Section 13:S/2Section 18:SW/4 SW/4Section 23:S/2 SE/4Section 24:AllSection 25:N/2Section 26:NE/4 NE/4

TOWNSHIP 24 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST, N.M.P.M.

Section 19: W/2 Section 30: NW/4

comprising 1920 acres, more or less. Applicant further seeks authority to expand a portion of said project by means of a significant change in process including conversion to 40-acre five spot injection patterns.

OPPOSITION OR OTHER PARTY

(Please make a concise statement of the basis for opposing this application or otherwise state the position of the party filing this statement.)

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PROPOSED EVIDENCE

| WITNESSES (Name and expertise) | EST. TIME | EXHIBITS |
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| Jim H. Ohlms, Project Engineer | 30 Min. | Approximately 15 |

OPPOSITION

APPLICANT

WITNESSES (Name and expertise) EST. TIME

EXHIBITS

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

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

Signature L. Say