

**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:

APPLICATION OF GECKO, INC. FOR  
AN UNORTHODOX OIL WELL LOCATION,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO. 11008

APPLICATION OF GECKO, INC. FOR  
AN UNORTHODOX OIL WELL LOCATION,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

CASE NO. 11009

**CONSOLIDATED  
PRE-HEARING STATEMENT**

This pre-hearing statement is submitted by GECKO, INC. as required by the Oil Conservation Division.

**APPEARANCE OF PARTIES**

**APPLICANT**

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OPPOSITION OR OTHER PARTY

ATTORNEY

None

### **STATEMENT OF CASE**

#### **APPLICANT**

Gecko Inc. is the applicant in NMOCD Case 11008 and is the proposed operator for and a working interest owner in the Gecko State "36" Well No. 1 to be drilled at an unorthodox oil well location 2414 FNL and 1109 feet FWL (Unit E) of Section 36, T16S, R37E, NMPM, Shipp-Strawn Pool, Lea County, New Mexico. The Strawn formation at this location is within the Shipp-Strawn Pool which provides, among other things, for 80-acre proration and spacing units for oil production with wells located within 150 feet of the center of a governmental quarter-quarter section.

Gecko Inc. also is the applicant in NMOCD Case 11009 and is the proposed operator for and a working interest owner in the Gecko State "26" Well No. 1 to be drilled at an unorthodox oil well location 555 FSL and 1648 feet FWL (Unit N) of Section 26, T16S, R37E, NMPM, Casey-Strawn Pool, Lea County, New Mexico. The Strawn formation at this location is within the Casey-Strawn Pool which provides, among other things, for 80-acre proration and spacing units for oil production with wells located within 150 feet of the center of a governmental quarter-quarter section.

Each well is based upon geological considerations and in order to maximize the opportunity to encounter the Strawn formation at its most favorable location in each of these spacing units, Gecko Inc. proposes to locate each well in the Strawn formation at an unorthodox location.

The direction of encroachment for each well is towards spacing units which involve the same owners with the same percentages as those who will participate in the subject wells.

### PROPOSED EVIDENCE

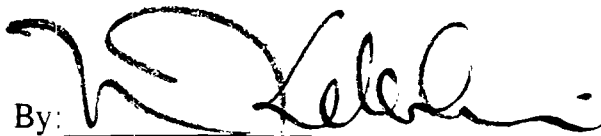
#### APPLICANT

WITNESSES	EST. TIME	EXHIBITS
Steve L. Thomson (petroleum engineer)	25 min.	Est. 4-5

### PROCEDURAL MATTERS

None applicable at this time.

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