

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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

CASE NO. 8783
Order No. R-8136

APPLICATION OF TXO PRODUCTION
CORP. FOR COMPULSORY POOLING,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

RESPONSE OF TXO PRODUCTION CORP.
TO REQUEST OF JOSEPH S. SPRINKLE
FOR STAY OF DIVISION ORDER

COMES NOW TXO Production Corp., by its attorneys, and
for its Response to the Request of Joseph S. Sprinkle for Stay of
Division Order No. R-8136, states:

1. Such request is filed solely for delay with intent
to circumvent the Rules and Regulations of the Division, as evi-
denced by the proceedings on file herein, and should be denied,
as abusive and not in keeping with the past practices of the Divi-
sion.

2. If such stay is granted TXO Production Corp. will
suffer irreparable harm, but no prejudice will result to Mr.
Sprinkle, as this matter is set for hearing de novo on February
26, 1986, or as soon thereafter as such cause may be heard.

3. TXO Production Corp. must commence drilling on the lands subject to this proceeding not later than March 19, 1986, under contractual obligations to third parties, and Mr. Sprinkle's sole purpose in further delaying the proceedings is to gain an improper advantage by having access to the well information gained prior to the time his election whether or not to participate must be made.

Respectfully submitted,

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