

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

**APPLICATION OF MRC PERMIAN
COMPANY FOR COMPULSORY POOLING,
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

CASE NO. _____

APPLICATION

MRC Permian Company (“MRC” or “Applicant”), through its undersigned attorneys, hereby files this application with the Oil Conservation Division pursuant to the provisions of NMSA 1978, § 70-2-17, for an order pooling all uncommitted interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying a standard 320-acre, more or less, horizontal well spacing unit comprised of the S/2 S/2 of Sections 25 and 26, Township 21 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico. In support of its application, MRC states:

1. Applicant is a working interest owner in the proposed horizontal spacing unit and has the right to drill thereon.
2. Applicant seeks to designate Matador Production Company (OGRID No. 228937) as the operator of the proposed horizontal spacing unit.
3. Applicant seeks to initially dedicate the above-referenced horizontal spacing unit to the proposed **Whitby 2526 Fed Com #124H** well, to be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the SE/4 SE/4 (Unit P) of Section 25 to a bottom hole location in the SW/4 SW/4 (Unit M) of Section 26.
4. Applicant has sought and been unable to obtain voluntary agreement for the development of these lands from all interest owners in the subject spacing unit.

5. The pooling of interests will allow Applicant to obtain a just and fair share of the oil and gas underlying the subject lands, avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, will prevent waste, and will protect correlative rights.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on May 4, 2023, and, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order:

- A. Pooling all uncommitted interests in the horizontal spacing unit;
- B. Designating Applicant operator of this spacing unit and the horizontal well to be drilled thereon;
- C. Authorizing Applicant to recover its costs of drilling, completing, and equipping the well;
- D. Approving the actual operating charges and costs of supervision while drilling and after completion, together with a provision adjusting the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedures; and
- E. Imposing a 200% penalty for the risk assumed by Applicant in drilling and completing the well against any working interest owner who does not voluntarily participate in the drilling of the well.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTORNEYS FOR MRC PERMIAN COMPANY

CASE _____: **Application of MRC Permian Company for Compulsory Pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.** Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks an order pooling all uncommitted interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying a standard 320-acre, more or less, horizontal well spacing unit comprised of the S/2 S/2 of Sections 25 and 26, Township 21 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico. Said unit will be initially dedicated to the proposed **Whitby 2526 Fed Com #124H** well, to be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the SE/4 SE/4 (Unit P) of Section 25 to a bottom hole location in the SW/4 SW/4 (Unit M) of Section 26. Also, to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing the well and the allocation of the cost thereof, actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of Matador Production Company as operator of the well, and a 200% charge for risk involved in drilling the well. Said area is located approximately 4 miles northeast of Carlsbad, New Mexico.