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

# APPLICATION OF EARTHSTONE OPERATING, LLC FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO. 23575

# **PRE-HEARING STATEMENT**

Earthstone Operating, LLC ("Earthstone" or "Applicant") submits its Pre-Hearing

Statement pursuant to the rules of the Oil Conservation Division.

### APPLICANT

### ATTORNEYS

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# **INTERESTED PARTIES**

ATTORNEYS

None at this time.

# STATEMENT OF THE CASE

Earthstone applies for an order pooling all uncommitted interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying a 640-acre, more or less, standard horizontal spacing unit comprised of the W/2 of Sections 21 and 28, Township 23 South, Range 26 East, Eddy County, New Mexico ("Unit"). The spacing unit will be dedicated to the following wells ("Wells"):

- a. Cletus Fed Com 401H well, to be drilled from a surface hole location in the SE/4 SW/4 (Unit N) of Section 28 to a bottom hole location in the NW/4 NW/4 (Unit D) of Section 21;
- b. Cletus Fed Com 402H well, to be drilled from a surface hole location in the SE/4 SW/4 (Unit N) of Section 28 to a bottom hole location in the NE/4 NW/4 (Unit C) of Section 21;
- c. Cletus Fed Com 511H well, to be drilled from a surface hole location in the SE/4 SW/4 (Unit N) of Section 28 to a bottom hole location in the NW/4 NW/4 (Unit D) of Section 21; and
- d. Cletus Fed Com 512H well, to be drilled from a surface hole location in the SE/4 SW/4 (Unit N) of Section 28 to a bottom hole location in the NE/4 NW/4 (Unit C) of Section 21.

The completed intervals of the Wells will be orthodox.

Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing the Wells and the allocation of the costs, the designation of Applicant as the operator of the Unit and the Wells, and a 200% charge for the risk involved in drilling and completing the Wells.

The Wells are located approximately 6 miles southeast of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

#### **PROPOSED EVIDENCE**

Witness	Occupation	Estimated Time	Exhibits
Brian van Staveren	Landman	Affidavit	Approx. 6
Jason Asmus	Geologist	Affidavit	Approx. 4

# PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Applicant will present this matter by affidavit if there is no opposition.

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Respectfully submitted,

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#### QUESTIONS

Testimony		
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Number of witnesses	Not answered.	
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