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

## APPLICATION OF MRC PERMIAN COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF AN OVERLAPPING HORIZONTAL WELL SPACING UNIT AND COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO.

## **APPLICATION**

MRC Permian Company ("MRC" or "Applicant"), through undersigned attorneys, files this application with the Oil Conservation Division pursuant to the provisions of NMSA 1978, § 70-2-17, for an order (a) approving a standard 240-acre, more or less, overlapping horizontal well spacing unit in the Bone Spring formation underlying the S2S2 of Section 1 and S2SE4 of Section 2, Township 24 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, and (b) pooling all uncommitted mineral interests in this horizontal well spacing unit. In support of its application, MRC states:

1. Applicant is a working interest owner in the proposed overlapping 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 overlapping horizontal spacing unit.

3. Applicant seeks to initially dedicate the above-referenced standard horizontal well spacing unit to the proposed **Dew Dix Fed Com 114H**, **Dew Dix Fed Com 124H** and the **Dew Dix Fed Com 134H** wells to be horizontally drilled with first take points located in the SE4SE4 (Unit P) of Section 1 and last take points located in the SW4SE4 (Unit O) of Section 2.

4. This standard 240-acre horizontal well spacing unit will overlap a 160-acre horizontal well spacing unit comprised of the S2S2 of Section 1 that is currently dedicated to the Dr. Scrivener Federal 01-24S-28E RB 124H well (API No. 30-15-43820) operated by Matador Production Company.

5. 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.

6. The approval of this overlapping horizontal well spacing unit and 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 August 3, 2023, and, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order:

- A. Approving the proposed overlapping horizontal well spacing unit and pooling all uncommitted interests therein;
- B. Designating Matador Production Company as operator of this horizontal well spacing unit and the wells to be drilled thereon;
- C. Authorizing Applicant to recover its costs of drilling, completing, and equipping the wells;
- 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 wells against any working interest owner who does not voluntarily participate in the drilling of the wells.

Respectfully submitted,

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CASE \_\_\_\_:

Application of MRC Permian Company for Approval of an Overlapping Horizontal Well Spacing Unit and Compulsory Pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks an order (a) approving a standard 240-acre overlapping horizontal well spacing unit in the Bone Spring formation underlying the S2S2 of Section 1 and S2SE4 of Section 2, Township 24 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, and (b) pooling all uncommitted mineral interests in this horizontal well spacing unit. Said unit will be initially dedicated to the proposed **Dew Dix Fed Com 114H**, **Dew Dix Fed Com 124H** and the **Dew Dix Fed Com 134H** wells to be horizontally drilled with first take points located in the SE4SE4 (Unit P) of Section 1 and last take points located in the SW4SE4 (Unit O) of Section 2.

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