

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

**APPLICATION OF EARTHSTONE OPERATING,
LLC TO EXTEND TIME TO COMMENCE
DRILLING OPERATIONS,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

**CASE NO. _____
ORDER NO. R-22271**

APPLICATION

Earthstone Operating, LLC (“Earthstone” or “Applicant”) (OGRID No. 331165) files this application with the Oil Conservation Division (“Division”) requesting a one-year extension of time to commence drilling the well authorized by Order No. R-22271 (“Order”). In support of its application, Applicant states the following.

1. The Division entered the Order in Case No. 22851 on September 2, 2022.
2. The Order pooled all uncommitted interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying a 240-acre, more or less, standard horizontal spacing unit comprised of the E/2 E/2 of Section 30 and the E/2 NE/4 of irregular Section 31, Township 26 South, Range 35 East, Lea County, New Mexico (“Unit”) and dedicated the Unit to the Los Vaqueros Fed Com 214H well (“Well”). The Order designated Titus Oil and Gas Production, LLC (OGRID No. 373986) (“Titus”) as the operator of the Unit and Well.
3. Earthstone is the successor in interest to Titus.
4. Paragraph 19 of the Order requires Applicant to commence drilling the Well within one (1) year of the date of the Order unless Applicant obtains a time extension from the Division Director for good cause shown.

5. Because Earth stone recently acquired the interests of Titus, it requires additional time to drill and complete the Well. Earthstone plans to commence drilling the Well in the fourth quarter of 2023.

6. Good cause exists for the requested extension.

7. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the Division extend the deadline to commence drilling the Well until September 2, 2024.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests this application be set for hearing on September 7, 2023, and after notice and hearing, the Division extend the deadline to commence drilling the Well under the Order until September 2, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

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