

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

**APPLICATION OF V-F PETROLEUM INC.
FOR COMPULSORY POOLING,
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

Case No. _____

APPLICATION

V-F Petroleum Inc. (“V-F Petroleum” or “Applicant”), OGRID No. 24010, through its undersigned attorneys, hereby files this Application with the Oil Conservation Division (“Division”) pursuant to the provisions of NMSA 1978, Section 70-2-17, seeking an order pooling all uncommitted mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation, designated as an oil pool, underlying a standard 324.84-acre, more or less, spacing and proration unit comprised of Lots 1 through 4 (N/2 N/2 equivalent) of Sections 4 and 5, Township 19 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico. Sections 4 and 5 are irregular Sections which contain correction lots.

In support of its Application, V-F Petroleum states the following:

1. V-F Petroleum is a working interest owner in the proposed horizontal spacing and proration unit (“HSU”) and has a right to drill a well thereon.
2. V-F Petroleum proposes and dedicates to the HSU the **Courtman 4 State Com #222H Well** and the **Courtman 4 State Com #232H Well** as initial wells to be drilled to a sufficient depth to test the Bone Spring formation.
3. V-F Petroleum proposes the **Courtman 4 State Com #222H Well**, an oil well, to be horizontally drilled from a surface location in Lot 1 (NE/4 NE/4 equivalent) of Section 4 to a bottom hole location in Lot 4 (NW/4 NW/4 equivalent) of Section 5.

4. V-F Petroleum proposes the **Courtman 4 State Com #232H Well**, an oil well, to be horizontally drilled from a surface location in Lot 1 (NE/4 NE/4 equivalent) of Section 4 to a bottom hole location in Lot 4 (NW/4 NW/4 equivalent) of Section 5.

5. The proposed wells are orthodox in their locations, and the take points and completed intervals comply with setback requirements under the statewide rules.

6. V-F Petroleum has sought in good faith but has been unable to obtain a voluntary agreement from all interest owners to participate in the drilling of the wells or the commitment of their interests to the wells for their development within the proposed HSU.

7. The pooling of all interests in the Bone Spring formation within the proposed HSU will avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste, and protect correlative rights.

8. In order to provide for its just and fair share of the oil and gas underlying the subject lands, V-F Petroleum requests that all uncommitted interests in this HSU be pooled and that V-F Petroleum be designated the operator of the proposed horizontal wells and HSU.

WHEREFORE, V-F Petroleum requests that this Application be set for hearing on September 7, 2023, before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division, and after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order:

A. Establishing a standard 324.84-acre, more or less, spacing and proration unit comprised of Lots 1 through 4 (N/2 N/2 equivalent) of Sections 4 and 5, Township 19 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico;

B. Pooling all uncommitted mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying the proposed HSU.

C. Approving the **Courtman 4 State Com #222H Well** and the **Courtman 4 State Com #232 Well** as the wells for the HSU.

D. Designating V-F Petroleum as operator of this HSU and the horizontal wells to be drilled thereon;

E. Authorizing V-F Petroleum to recover its costs of drilling, equipping, and completing the wells;

F. Approving actual operating charges and costs of supervision, to the maximum extent allowable, while drilling and after completion, together with a provision adjusting the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedures; and

G. Setting a 200% charge for the risk assumed by V-F Petroleum in drilling and completing the wells in the event a working interest owner elects not to participate in the wells.

Respectfully submitted,

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Application of V-F Petroleum Inc. for Compulsory Pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks an order from the Division pooling all uncommitted mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation, designated as an oil pool, underlying a standard 324.84-acre, more or less, spacing and proration unit comprised of Lots 1 through 4 (N/2 N/2 equivalent) of Sections 4 and 5, Township 19 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico. Sections 4 and 5 are irregular Sections which contain correction lots. The proposed wells to be dedicated to the horizontal spacing unit are the **Courtman 4 State Com #222H Well**, an oil well, to be horizontally drilled from a surface location in Lot 1 (NE/4 NE/4 equivalent) of Section 4 to a bottom hole location in Lot 4 (NW/4 NW/4 equivalent) of Section 5; and the **Courtman 4 State Com #232 Well**, an oil well, to be horizontally drilled from a surface location in Lot 1 (NE/4 NE/4 equivalent) of Section 4 to a bottom hole location in Lot 4 (NW/4 NW/4 equivalent) of Section 5. The wells will be orthodox, and the take points and completed intervals will comply with the setback requirements under the Division's Statewide Rules; also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing the wells and the allocation of the costs thereof; actual operating costs and charges for supervision; the designation of the Applicant as Operator of the wells and unit; and a 200% charge for the risk involved in drilling and completing the wells. The wells and lands are located approximately 18.5 miles southeast of Artesia, New Mexico.