# 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 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 a standard 480-acre, more or less, horizontal well spacing unit in the Bone Spring formation underlying the N2N2 of Sections 28, 29 and 30, Township 20 South, Range 30 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 overlapping horizontal spacing unit.

3. Applicant seeks to initially dedicate the above-referenced horizontal spacing unit to the proposed **Dave Laing 2830 Fed Com 111H** and the **Dave Laing 2830 Fed Com 121H** wells to be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the NE4 of Section 28, with proposed first take points in the NE4NE4 (Unit A) of Section 28 and last take points in the NW4NW4 (Unit D) of Section 30.

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 December 7, 2023, and, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order:

- A. Pooling all uncommitted interests in the proposed horizontal well spacing unit;
- B. Designating Matador Production Company as operator of this horizontal spacing unit and the horizontal 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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Application of MRC Permian Company for Compulsory Pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks an order pooling a standard 480-acre, more or less, horizontal well spacing unit in the Bone Spring formation underlying the N2N2 of Sections 28, 29 and 30, Township 20 South, Range 30 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico. Said unit will be initially dedicated to the proposed Dave Laing 2830 Fed Com 111H and the Dave Laing 2830 Fed Com 121H wells to be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the NE4 of Section 28, with proposed first take points in the NE4NE4 (Unit A) of Section 28 and last take points in the NW4NW4 (Unit D) of Section 30. Also, to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing the wells and the allocation of the cost thereof, actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of Matador Production Company as operator of the proposed spacing unit, and a 200% charge for risk involved in drilling said wells. The subject area is located approximately 16 miles northeast of Carlsbad, New Mexico.