

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

**APPLICATION OF MATADOR PRODUCTION COMPANY  
TO AMEND ORDER R-22046-A TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL  
TIME TO COMMENCE DRILLING,  
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

**CASE NO.** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION**

Matador Production Company (“Matador” or “Applicant”), through its undersigned attorneys, files this application with the Oil Conservation Division to amend Order R-22046-A to allow additional time to commence drilling the initial well authorized by the pooling order. In support of its application, Matador states:

1. On February 23, 2022, the Division issued Order R-22046 in Case 22256 creating a standard 320-acre, more or less, horizontal well spacing unit in the Bone Spring formation underlying the S2N2 of Section 13, Township 24 South, Range 28 East, and the S2N2 of Section 18, Township 24 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico (the “Unit”). Matador is the designated operator of the Unit and the Unit is initially dedicated to the proposed **Harold Melton Fed Com 112H** well.

2. On March 30, 2023, the Division issued Order No. R-22046-A extending the time to commence drilling the initial well due to inaction by the Bureau of Land Management on the filed drilling permit.


3. The Bureau of Land Management has yet to act on the filed drilling permit.

4. Since Matador, through no fault of its own, is unable to meet the current February 23, 2024, drilling deadline, Matador requests that the deadline to commence drilling the well be extended for an additional year to February 24, 2025.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on January 4, 2024, and, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order extending the time for Matador to commence drilling the initial well authorized by Order R-22046.

Respectfully submitted,

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CASE \_\_\_\_\_:     **Application of Matador Production Company to Amend Order R-22046-A to Allow Additional Time to Commence Drilling, Eddy County, New Mexico.** Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks a year extension of the time to commence drilling the well authorized by Order No. R-22046, which pooled the Bone Spring formation underlying the S2N2 of Section 13, Township 24 South, Range 28 East, and the S2N2 of Section 18, Township 24 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico. Order No. R-22046 dedicated this pooled horizontal well spacing unit to the proposed **Harold Melton Fed Com 112H** well. Said area is located 12 miles west of Malaga, New Mexico.