

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

**APPLICATION OF BTA OIL PRODUCERS, LLC
TO EXTEND TIME TO COMMENCE
DRILLING OPERATIONS,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

**Case No. 24948
Order No. R-23119**

PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

BTA Oil Producers, LLC (“BTA” or “Applicant”) submits its Pre-Hearing Statement pursuant to the rules of the Oil Conservation Division (“Division”).

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INTERESTED PARTY

None at this time.

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STATEMENT OF THE CASE

BTA requests a one-year extension of time, until March 27, 2026, to commence drilling two (2) of the wells authorized by Order No. R-23119. The Division issued Order No. R-23119 in Case No. 24128 on March 27, 2024. The order approved a 640-acre, more or less, standard horizontal spacing unit comprised of the S/2 of Sections 3 and 4, Township 23 South, Range 34 East, Lea County, New Mexico (“Unit”); pooled all uncommitted interests within the Ojo Chiso; Bone Spring, South Pool (Code 97293) underlying the Unit; dedicated the Unit to the Bobwhite

22304 4-3 Fed Com #1H, Bobwhite 22304 4-3 Fed Com #2H, Bobwhite 2234 4-3 Fed Com #3H, Bobwhite 22304 4-3 Fed Com #4H, and Bobwhite 22304 4-3 Fed Com #5H wells (collectively “Wells”); and designated Applicant as operator of the Unit and Wells.

BTA plans to spud the Bobwhite 22304 4-3 Fed Com #1H, Bobwhite 22304 4-3 Fed Com #2H, and Bobwhite 22304 4-3 Fed Com #3H wells by the March 27, 2025, deadline. However, BTA will not be able to spud the Bobwhite 22304 4-3 Fed Com #4H and Bobwhite 22304 4-3 #5H wells by the deadline set out in the Order due to a limitation on sour gas takeaway in the area. BTA expects the gas takeaway constraint to be relieved by mid-2025. Therefore, good cause exists for the requested extension of time to drill the Bobwhite 22304 4-3 Fed Com #4H and Bobwhite 22304 4-3 #5H wells.

PROPOSED EVIDENCE

<u>Witness</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Estimated Time</u>	<u>Exhibits</u>
Rex Barker	Landman	Affidavit	Approx. 2

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Applicant intends to present this case by affidavit if there is no opposition to its application.

Respectfully submitted,

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QUESTIONS

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QUESTIONS

Testimony	
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Testimony time (in minutes)	Not answered.