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

APPLICATION OF TAP ROCK OPERATING, LLC FOR APPROVAL OF STANDARD HORIZONTAL SPACING UNIT AND COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

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## **APPLICATION**

Tap Rock Operating, LLC, OGRID No. 372043 ("Tap Rock" or "Applicant"), through its undersigned attorneys, hereby files this Application with the Oil Conservation Division ("Division") pursuant to the provisions of NMSA 1978, § 70-2-17, for an order (1) approving a 1,280-acre, more or less, standard horizontal spacing unit ("HSU") composed of the W/2 of Sections 17 and 20, Township 26 South, Range 26 East, N.M.P.M., and the E/2 of Sections 18 and 19, Township 26 South, Range 26 East, N.M.P.M., (the "Application Lands"), and (2) pooling all uncommitted mineral interests in the Purple Sage-Wolfcamp Pool (98220), designated as a gas pool, underlying said HSU.

In support of its Application, Tap Rock states the following:

- 1. Tap Rock and/or its affiliates are mineral interest owners in the Application Lands and have the right to drill wells thereon as the designated Operator of the Application Lands.
- 2. Tap Rock seeks to dedicate all of the Application Lands to form a 1,280-acre, more or less, HSU.
- 3. Tap Rock seeks to dedicate the above-referenced HSU to the following proposed wells:
  - A. Coors Fed Com 211H (API No. *Pending*), which is a gas well that will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the SE/4 SW/4 (Unit N) of Section 20,

Township 26 South, Range 26 East, to a bottom hole location in the Purple Sage-Wolfcamp Gas Pool in the NW/4 NW/4 (Unit D) of Section 17, Township 26 South, Range 26 South;

- B. Coors Fed Com 212H (API No. *Pending*), which is a gas well that will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the SE/4 SW/4 (Unit N) of Section 20, Township 26 South, Range 26 East, to a bottom hole location in the Purple Sage-Wolfcamp Gas Pool in the NE/4 NW/4 (Unit C) of Section 17, Township 26 South, Range 26 South;
- C. Coors Fed Com 213H (API No. *Pending*), which is a gas well that will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the SW/4 SW/4 (Unit M) of Section 20, Township 26 South, Range 26 East, to a bottom hole location in the Purple Sage-Wolfcamp Gas Pool in the NW/4 NE/4 (Unit B) of Section 18, Township 26 South, Range 26 South, and;
- D. Coors Fed Com 214H (API No. *Pending*), which is a gas well that will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the SW/4 SW/4 (Unit M) of Section 20, Township 26 South, Range 26 East, to a bottom hole location in the Purple Sage-Wolfcamp Gas Pool in the NE/4 NE/4 (Unit A) of Section 18, Township 26 South, Range 26 South.
- 4. The wells are orthodox in their location as defined by 19.15.16.15.(C) NMAC, and Special Pool Order No. R-14262 for the Purple Sage-Wolfcamp Pool (98220), and the take points and laterals comply with Statewide Rules for setbacks under 19.15.16.15.(C) NMAC.
- 5. Tap Rock has made good-faith efforts to obtain voluntary agreements from all interest owners in the Purple Sage-Wolfcamp Gas Pool underlying the proposed spacing unit, but has been unable to secure agreement from all parties to participate in the drilling of the wells or otherwise commit their interests.

- 6. The pooling of all interests in the Purple Sage-Wolfcamp Gas Pool within the proposed unit will avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste, and protect correlative rights.
- 7. To provide for its just and fair share of the oil and gas underlying the Application Lands, Tap Rock requests that all uncommitted interests in this HSU be pooled and that Tap Rock be designated as the operator of the proposed horizontal wells and HSU.

WHEREFORE, Tap Rock requests this Application be set for hearing on May 8, 2025, before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division, and after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order:

- A. Approving the horizontal well spacing unit and pooling all uncommitted interests in the Purple Sage-Wolfcamp Gas Pool underlying the HSU within the Application Lands;
- B. Approving the Coors Fed Com 211H, Coors Fed Com 212H, Coors Fed Com 213H, and Coors Fed Com 214H as the initial wells for the HSU;
- C. Designating Tap Rock as operator of the HSU and the horizontal wells to be drilled thereon;
- D. Authorizing Tap Rock to recover its costs of drilling, completing, and equipping the wells;
- E. 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

F. Imposing a 200% charge for the risk assumed by Tap Rock 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 Tap Rock Operating, LLC for Approving a Standard Horizontal Spacing Unit and Compulsory Pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks an order from the Division: (1) approving a 1,280-acre, more or less, standard horizontal spacing and proration unit composed of the W/2 of Sections 17 and 20, Township 26 South, Range 26 East, N.M.P.M., and the E/2 of Sections 18 and 19, Township 26 South, Range 26 East, N.M.P.M., and (2) pooling all uncommitted mineral interests in the Purple Sage-Wolfcamp Pool, designated as a gas pool, underlying said unit. The proposed wells to be dedicated to the horizontal spacing unit are the: Coors Fed Com 211H (API No. Pending), which is a gas well that will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the SE/4 SW/4 (Unit N) of Section 20, Township 26 South, Range 26 East, to a bottom hole location in the Purple Sage-Wolfcamp Gas Pool in the NW/4 NW/4 (Unit D) of Section 17, Township 26 South, Range 26 South; the Coors Fed Com 212H (API No. Pending), which is a gas well that will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the SE/4 SW/4 (Unit N) of Section 20, Township 26 South, Range 26 East, to a bottom hole location in the Purple Sage-Wolfcamp Gas Pool in the NE/4 NW/4 (Unit C) of Section 17, Township 26 South, Range 26 South; the Coors Fed Com 213H (API No. Pending), which is a gas well that will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the SW/4 SW/4 (Unit M) of Section 20, Township 26 South, Range 26 East, to a bottom hole location in the Purple Sage-Wolfcamp Gas Pool in the NW/4 NE/4 (Unit B) of Section 18, Township 26 South, Range 26 South, and; the Coors Fed Com 214H (API No. Pending), which is a gas well that will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the SW/4 SW/4 (Unit M) of Section 20, Township 26 South, Range 26 East, to a bottom hole location in the Purple Sage-Wolfcamp Gas Pool in the NE/4 NE/4 (Unit A) of Section 18, Township 26 South, Range 26 South. The wells are orthodox in location, and the take points and laterals comply with Statewide Rules for setbacks. The wells and lands are located approximately 11.16 miles southeast of Whites City, New Mexico.