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

## APPLICATION OF RILEY PERMIAN OPERATING, LLC FOR APPROVAL OF STANDARD HORIZONTAL SPACING UNIT AND COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

CASE NO.

## **APPLICATION**

Riley Permian Operating, LLC, OGRID No. 372290 ("Riley" 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 481.47-acre, more or less, standard horizontal spacing unit ("HSU") composed of the N/2 of Section 12, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, N.M.P.M., and the NW/4 of Section 7, Township 18 South, Range 27 East, N.M.P.M. (the "Application Lands"), and (2) pooling all uncommitted mineral interests in the Yeso Pool (51120), designated as an oil pool, underlying said HSU.

In support of its Application, Riley states the following:

1. Riley and/or its affiliates are working interest owners in the Application Lands and have the right to drill wells thereon as the designated Operator of the Application Lands.

2. Riley seeks to dedicate all of the Application Lands to form a 481.47-acre, more or less, HSU.

3. Riley seeks to dedicate the above-referenced HSU to the following proposed wells:

A. **Marty Fee 11-7 1H** (API No. *Pending*), which is an oil well that will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the NE/4 NE/4 (Unit A) of Section 11, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, to a bottom hole location in the Yeso Pool in the NE/4 NW/4 (Unit C) of Section 7, Township 18 South, Range 27 East;

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B. **Marty Fee 11-7 2H** (API No. *Pending*), which is an oil well that will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the NE/4 NE/4 (Unit A) of Section 11, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, to a bottom hole location in the Yeso Pool in the NE/4 NW/4 (Unit C) of Section 7, Township 18 South, Range 27 East;

C. **Marty Fee 11-7 3H** (API No. *Pending*), which is an oil well that will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the SE/4 NE/4 (Unit H) of Section 11, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, to a bottom hole location in the Yeso Pool in the SE/4 NW/4 (Unit F) of Section 7, Township 18 South, Range 27 East, and;

D. **Marty Fee 11-7 4H** (API No. *Pending*), which is an oil well that will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the SE/4 NE/4 (Unit H) of Section 11, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, to a bottom hole location in the Yeso Pool in the SE/4 NW/4 (Unit F) of Section 7, Township 18 South, Range 27 East.

4. The wells are orthodox in their location as defined by 19.15.16.15.(C) NMAC, and the take points and laterals comply with Statewide Rules for setbacks under 19.15.16.15.(C) NMAC.

5. Riley has made good faith efforts to obtain voluntary agreement from all interest owners in the Yeso Pool underlying the proposed spacing unit, but has been unable to secure agreement from all parties to participate in the drilling of the well or otherwise commit their interests.

6. The pooling of all interests in the Yeso Pool within the proposed unit will avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste, and protect correlative rights.

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7. To provide for its just and fair share of the oil and gas underlying the Application Lands, Riley requests that all uncommitted interests in this HSU be pooled and that Riley be designated as the operator of the proposed horizontal wells and HSU.

WHEREFORE, Riley 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 Yeso Pool underlying the HSU within the Application Lands;
- B. Approving the Marty Fee 11-7 1H, Marty Fee 11-7 2H, Marty Fee 11-7 3H, and Marty Fee 11-7 4H as the initial wells for the HSU;
- C. Designating Riley as operator of the HSU and the horizontal wells to be drilled thereon;
- D. Authorizing Riley 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 Riley 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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