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

APPLICATION OF MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE	NO.	
	1100	

APPLICATION

Mewbourne Oil Company ("Applicant") files this application with the Oil Conservation Division (the "Division") for an order pooling all uncommitted mineral interest owners in the Bone Spring formation underlying a non-standard spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 23 and 26, Township 18 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico (the "Unit). In support of this application, Applicant states:

- 1. Applicant is an interest owner and operator in the Unit, and has the right to drill a well or wells thereon.
- 2. Applicant proposes to drill the following wells in the Unit to depths sufficient to test the Bone Spring formation:
 - (a) The Querecho 23/26 Fed. Com. Well No. 521H, with a first take point in the NW/4NW/4 of Section 23 and a last take point in the SW/4SW/4 of Section 26;
 - (b) The Querecho 23/26 Fed. Com. Well No. 524H, with a first take point in the NE/4NW/4 of Section 23 and a last take point in the SE/4SW/4 of Section 26;
 - (c) The Querecho 23/26 Fed. Com. Well No. 523H, with a first take point in the NW/4NE/4 of Section 23 and a last take point in the SW/4SE/4 of Section 26;
 - (d) The Querecho 23/26 Fed. Com. Well No. 612H, with a first take point in the NW/4NW/4 of Section 23 and a last take point in the SW/4SW/4 of Section 26; and

- (e) The Querecho 23/26 Fed. Com. Well No. 616H, with a first take point in the NE/4NW/4 of Section 23 and a last take point in the SE/4SW/4 of Section 26.
- 3. Although Applicant has in good faith sought to obtain voluntary joinder of all other mineral interest owners in the Unit to participate in the drilling of the wells or to otherwise commit their interests to the wells, certain interest owners have failed or refused to commit their interests. Therefore, Applicant seeks an order pooling all uncommitted mineral interest owners in the Bone Spring formation underlying the Unit, pursuant to NMSA 1978 Sec. 70-2-17.
- 4. The pooling of all uncommitted mineral interest owners in the Bone Spring formation underlying the Unit will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste, and protect correlative rights.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Division, and, after notice and hearing, the Division issue its order:

- A. Pooling all uncommitted mineral interest owners in the Bone Spring formation (Querecho Plains; Lower Bone Spring Pool/Pool Code 50510) underlying the Unit;
 - B. Designating Applicant as operator of the wells and the Unit;
- C. Considering the cost of drilling, completing, testing, and equipping the wells, and allocating the cost thereof among the wells' working interest owners;
- D. Approving actual operating charges and costs charged for supervision, together with a provision adjusting the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedure; and
- E. Setting a 200% charge for the risk involved in drilling, completing, testing, and equipping the wells in the event a working interest owner elects not to participate in the wells

Respectfully submitted,

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