

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

**APPLICATION OF HILCORP ENERGY  
COMPANY FOR AN EXCEPTION TO THE  
WELL DENSITY REQUIREMENTS OF THE  
SPECIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR  
THE BASIN-DAKOTA GAS POOL,  
SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

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

**APPLICATION**

Hilcorp Energy Company, ("Hilcorp") (OGRID No. 372171), through its undersigned counsel, hereby files this application with the Oil Conservation Division for an order for an exception to the well density requirements of the Basin-Dakota Gas Pool (71599), San Juan County, New Mexico. Specifically, Hilcorp seeks an exception to the well density requirements of Rule II.B of the Special Rules and Regulations of the Basin-Dakota Gas Pool to permit it to drill and complete two additional Dakota vertical and/or directional gas wells, making a total of three vertical and/or directional gas wells within the same quarter-section (NW/4) in the standard 319.27-acre, more or less, spacing and proration unit. In support of this application, Hilcorp states:

1. Hilcorp is the operator of a standard 319.27-acre, more or less, spacing and proration unit in the Basin-Dakota Gas Pool comprised of the SE/4 NW/4 and Lots 4, 5 and 8-12 (N/2 equivalent) of irregular Section 6, Township 30 North, Range 11 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico, in which the following directional well was drilled and completed, and is currently producing:

- a. Yeager Com 1 Well (API No. 30-045-24015), which is vertically drilled with a surface hole location in Lot 10 (NE/4 NW/4 equivalent) of said irregular Section 6.

2. The Basin-Dakota Gas Pool is governed by Special Rules and Regulations which provide for 320-acre spacing and proration units on which as many as four wells may be drilled. See Order No. R-8170, as amended by Order No. R-10987-B, and superseded by Order No. R-10987-B(1), effective January 29, 2002. These Special Pool Rules and Regulations provide:

## **II. ACREAGE AND WELL LOCATION REQUIREMENTS**

**A. Standard GPU (Gas Proration Unit):** *A standard GPU in the Basin-Dakota Pool shall be 320 acres, more or less, comprising any two contiguous quarter sections of a single section that is a legal subdivision of the U. S. Public Land Surveys.*

**B. Well density:**

(1) *Up to four (4) wells may be drilled on a GPU, as follows:*

(a) *the FIRST OPTIONAL INFILL WELL drilled on a GPU shall be located in the quarter section not containing the INITIAL Dakota well;*

(b) *the SECOND OPTIONAL INFILL WELL drilled on a GPU shall be located in a quarter-quarter section not containing a Dakota well and within a quarter section of the GPU not containing more than one (1) Dakota well;*

(c) *the THIRD OPTIONAL INFILL WELL drilled on a GPU shall be located in a quarter-quarter section of the GPU not containing a Dakota well and within a quarter section of the GPU not containing more than one (1) Dakota well;*

(d) *at the discretion of the operator, the second or third optional infill well may be drilled prior to the drilling of the first optional infill well;*

(e) *no more than two wells shall be located within either quarter section in a GPU; and*

(f) *any deviation from the above-described well density requirements shall be authorized only after hearing.*

3. The objective formation in the above-described well in Paragraph 1 is the Basin-Dakota Gas Pool and was permitted and drilled with a Dakota completion.

4. Hilcorp now proposes to simultaneously dedicate and produce the following additional wells within the same standard spacing and proration unit, at the following locations:

- a. **Yager Com 1M Well** (API No. 30-045-PENDING), to be directionally drilled with a surface hole location in Lot 5 (SW/4 NW/4 equivalent), and a bottom hole location in Lot 5 (SW/4 NW/4 equivalent) of said irregular Section 6; and
- b. **Yager Com 1N Well** (API No. 30-045-PENDING), to be vertically drilled with a surface hole location in the SE/4 NW/4 (Unit F) of said irregular Section 6.

5. Hilcorp therefore requests that the Division enter an order granting an exception to the well density requirements of Rule II.B of the Special Rules and Regulations of the Basin-Dakota Pool to authorize Hilcorp to simultaneously dedicate and produce the **Yager Com 1M Well** (API No. 30-045-PENDING) and the **Yager Com 1N Well** (API No. 30-045-PENDING), within the SE/4 NW/4 and Lots 4, 5 and 8-12 (N/2 equivalent) of irregular Section 6, Township 30 North, Range 11 West, permitting the total number of vertical and/or directionally drilled wells dedicated and producing within the same quarter section associated with this spacing and proration unit to three.

6. Approval of this application will not impair the correlative rights of any other interest owner in the Basin-Dakota Gas Pool and will afford Hilcorp the opportunity to produce incremental reserves from this spacing unit, avoiding waste.

7. Approval of this application will be in the best interest of conservation, the prevention of waste, and the protection of correlative rights.

WHEREFORE, Hilcorp Energy Company requests that this application be set before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on October 9, 2025, and, after notice and hearing as required by law, that the Division enter an order:

- Granting an exception to the well density requirements of Rule II.B of the Special Rules and Regulations of the Basin-Dakota Gas Pool (71599) permitting the total number of vertical and/or directional wells dedicated and producing within the quarter section associated with this spacing and proration unit to three; and
- Authorizing Hilcorp to simultaneously complete and produce the **Yager Com 1M Well** (API No. 30-045-PENDING) and the **Yager Com 1N Well** (API No. 30-045-PENDING) from the Basin-Dakota Gas Pool.

Respectfully submitted,

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CASE \_\_\_\_\_:     **Application of Hilcorp Energy Company for an Exception to the Well Density Requirements of the Special Rules and Regulations of the Basin-Dakota Gas Pool, San Juan County, New Mexico.** Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks an order for an exception to the well density requirements of Rule II.B of the Special Rules and Regulations for the Basin-Dakota Gas Pool (71599), San Juan County, New Mexico, to permit it to drill and complete two additional Basin-Dakota vertical and/or directional gas wells, making a total of three vertical and/or directional gas wells within the same standard 319.27-acre, more or less, spacing and proration unit comprised of the SE/4 NW/4 and Lots 4, 5 and 8-12 (N/2 equivalent) of irregular Section 6, Township 30 North, Range 11 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico. Hilcorp further seeks approval for the proposed locations of the **Yager Com 1M Well** (API No. 30-045-PENDING), to be directionally drilled with a surface hole location in Lot 5 (SW/4 NW/4 equivalent), and a bottom hole location in Lot 5 (SW/4 NW/4 equivalent) of said irregular Section 6, and the **Yager Com 1N Well** (API No. 30-045-PENDING), to be vertically drilled with a surface hole location in the SE/4 NW/4 (Unit F) of irregular Section 6, and authorization to simultaneously complete and produce both wells from the Basin-Dakota Gas Pool. Said area is located approximately 1 mile northwest of Aztec, New Mexico.