

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

**APPLICATION OF COTERRA ENERGY
OPERATING COMPANY TO AMEND ORDER
NO. R-23452, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

**CASE NO. _____
ORDER NO. R-23452**

APPLICATION

Coterra Energy Operating Company (“Coterra” or “Applicant”), (OGRID No. 215099) successor to Avant Operating, LLC, (OGRID No. 330396), through its undersigned attorneys, hereby files this application with the Oil Conservation Division (“OCD” or “Division”) to amend Order No. R-23452 (“Order”) to allow for an extension of time for drilling the proposed initial wells under the Order. In support of its application, Coterra states:

1. Division Order No. R-23452, entered on October 10, 2024, in Case No. 24544, created a non-standard 1,280-acre, more or less, horizontal well spacing unit composed of all of Sections 25 and 36, Township 18 South, Range 33 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico (the “Unit”), and designated Coterra as operator of the unit.

2. Additionally, Order No. R-23452 pooled the uncommitted interests in the Bone Spring formation in the Unit and dedicated the Unit to the proposed initial wells including: **Royal Oak 25 Fed Com #301H Well** (API No. 30-025-52841); **Royal Oak 25 Fed Com #302H Well** (API No. 30-025-52843); **Royal Oak 25 Fed Com #303H Wells** (API No. 30-025-54153), **Royal Oak 25 Fed Com #304H Wells** (API No. 30-025-54154), **Royal Oak 25 Fed Com #501H** (API No. 30-025-52844), **Royal Oak 25 Fed Com #502H** (API No. 30-025-52845), **Royal Oak 25 Fed Com 503H Well** (API No.30-025-54155), **Royal Oak 25 Fed Com 513H Well** (API No. 30-025-54156) *formerly named the Royal Oak 25 Fed Com 504H Well*, **Royal Oak 25 Fed Com #511H Well** (API No. 30-025-52846) *formerly named the Royal Oak 25 Fed Com #601H Well*, **Royal**

Oak 25 Fed Com #602H Well (API No 30-025-52847), **Royal Oak 25 Fed Com #512H Well** (API No. 30-025-54157) *formerly named the Royal Oak 25 Fed Com #603H Well*, and **Royal Oak 25 Fed Com #604H Well** (API No. 30-025-54158).

3. Paragraph 35 of Order No. R-23452 states: “The [Avant] shall commence drilling the Well(s) within one year after the date of this Order, and complete each Well no later than one (1) year after the commencement of drilling the Well.

4. Further, Paragraph 36 of Order No. R-23452 states: “This Order shall terminate automatically if Operator fails to comply with Paragraph 28 unless Operator obtains an extension by amending this Order for good cause shown.”

5. Good cause exists for Coterra’s request for an extension of time due to Coterra’s recent acquisition of the acreage at issue in the Unit. Coterra requires additional time to commence drilling of the remaining wells given its recent acquisition of this acreage.

6. Applicant requests that Order No. R-23452 be re-opened and amended to allow Applicant additional time to commence drilling the wells under the Order.

7. Under the Order, Applicant would be required to commence drilling the wells by October 10, 2025, and therefore, asks for the deadline to commence drilling the wells be extended for a year, to October 10, 2026.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on October 23, 2025, or November 13, 2025, and after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order extending the time for Coterra to commence drilling the proposed wells under the Order.

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CASE _____: **Amended Application of Coterra Energy Operating Company to Amend Order No. R-23452 to Extend the Drilling Deadline, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks a year extension time for drilling the remaining wells under Order No. R-23452 in case number 24544. The Unit is composed of All of Sections 25 and 36, Township 18 South, Range 33 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico. Coterra Energy Operating Company is the designated operator under the pooling order. Order No. R-23452 pooled the uncommitted interests in the Bone Spring formation and dedicated the Unit to the proposed initial wells including: **Royal Oak 25 Fed Com #301H Well** (API No. 30-025-52841); **Royal Oak 25 Fed Com #302H Well** (API No. 30-025-52843); **Royal Oak 25 Fed Com #303H Wells** (API No. 30-025-54153), **Royal Oak 25 Fed Com #304H Wells** (API No. 30-025-54154), **Royal Oak 25 Fed Com #501H** (API No. 30-025-52844), **Royal Oak 25 Fed Com #502H** (API No. 30-025-52845), **Royal Oak 25 Fed Com 503H Well** (API No.30-025-54155), **Royal Oak 25 Fed Com 504H Well** (API No. Pending), **Royal Oak 25 Fed Com #511H Well** (API No. 30-025-52846) *formerly named the Royal Oak 25 Fed Com #601H Well*, **Royal Oak 25 Fed Com #602H Well** (API No 30-025-52847), **Royal Oak 25 Fed Com #512H Well** (API No. 30-025-54157) *formerly named the Royal Oak 25 Fed Com #603H Well*, and **Royal Oak 25 Fed Com #604H Well** (API No. 30-025-54158). Said Unit areas are located approximately 28 miles west from Hobbs, New Mexico.