## 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 all of Sections 3 and 10, Township 26 South, Range 25 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico (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 working 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. **Pabst Fed Com 202H** (API No. *Pending*), which is a gas well that will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the NW/4 NE/4 (Unit B) of Section 3,

Township 26 South, Range 25 East, to a bottom hole location in the Purple Sage; Wolfcamp Pool in the SE/4 SW/4 (Unit N) of Section 10, Township 26 South, Range 25 East;

- B. **Pabst Fed Com 204H** (API No. *Pending*), which is a gas well that will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the NW/4 NE/4 (Unit B) of Section 3, Township 26 South, Range 25 East, to a bottom hole location in the Purple Sage; Wolfcamp Pool in the SE/4 SE/4 (Unit P) of Section 10, Township 26 South, Range 25 East;
- C. **Pabst Fed Com 211H** (API No. *Pending*), which is a gas well that will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the NW/4 NE/4 (Unit B) of Section 3, Township 26 South, Range 25 East, to a bottom hole location in the Purple Sage; Wolfcamp Pool in the SW/4 SW/4 (Unit M) of Section 10, Township 26 South, Range 25 East; and
- D. **Pabst Fed Com 213H** (API No. *Pending*), which is a gas well that will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the NW/4 NE/4 (Unit B) of Section 3, Township 26 South, Range 25 East, to a bottom hole location in the Purple Sage; Wolfcamp Pool in the SW/4 SE/4 (Unit O) of Section 10, Township 26 South, Range 25 East.
- 4. The wells are orthodox in their locations as defined by 19.15.16.15.(C) NMAC, and the take points and laterals comply with Special Pool Rules R-14262 setbacks for the Purple Sage; Wolfcamp.
- 5. Tap Rock has made good faith efforts to obtain voluntary agreement from all interest owners in the Purple Sage; Wolfcamp 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 Pool 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 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 December 4, 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 Purple Sage; Wolfcamp Gas Pool underlying the HSU within the Application Lands;
- B. Approving the Pabst Fed Com 202H, Pabst Fed Com 204H, Pabst Fed Com 211H, and Pabst Fed Com 213H 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, equipping, 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 all of Sections 3 and 10, Township 26 South, Range 25 East, N.M.P.M, Eddy County, New Mexico, and (2) pooling all uncommitted mineral interests in the Purple Sage; Wolfcamp formation, designated as an gas pool, underlying said unit. The proposed wells to be dedicated to the horizontal spacing unit are the: Pabst Fed Com 202H (API No. Pending), which is a gas well that will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the NW/4 NE/4 (Unit B) of Section 3, Township 26 South, Range 25 East, to a bottom hole location in the Purple Sage; Wolfcamp Pool in the SE/4 SW/4 (Unit N) of Section 10, Township 26 South, Range 25 East; Pabst Fed Com 204H (API No. Pending), which is a gas well that will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the NW/4 NE/4 (Unit B) of Section 3, Township 26 South, Range 25 East, to a bottom hole location in the Purple Sage; Wolfcamp Pool in the SE/4 SE/4 (Unit P) of Section 10, Township 26 South, Range 25 East; Pabst Fed Com 211H (API No. Pending), which is a gas well that will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the NW/4 NE/4 (Unit B) of Section 3, Township 26 South, Range 25 East, to a bottom hole location in the Purple Sage; Wolfcamp Pool in the SW/4 SW/4 (Unit M) of Section 10, Township 26 South, Range 25 East; and Pabst Fed Com 213H (API No. Pending), which is a gas well that will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the NW/4 NE/4 (Unit B) of Section 3, Township 26 South, Range 25 East, to a bottom hole location in the Purple Sage; Wolfcamp Pool in the SW/4 SE/4 (Unit O) of Section 10, Township 26 South, Range 25 East. The well is orthodox in location, and the take points and laterals comply with Special Pool Rules R-14262 setbacks for the Purple Sage; Wolfcamp. The well and lands are located approximately 7 miles south of Whites City, New Mexico.