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Florene Davidson
Oil Conservation Division
1220 South St. Francis Drive
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Dear Florene:

Enclosed for filing, on behalf of Mewbourne Oil Company, are an application for a non-standard spacing and proration unit and compulsory pooling, together with a proposed advertisement. Please set the application for the November 30, 2017 Examiner hearing. Thank you.

Very ruly yours,

James Bruce

Altorney for Mewbourne Oil Company

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Case 15886

## **Parties Notified**

EOG Y Resources, Inc. 5509 Champions Drive Midland, Texas 79706

Attention: Chuck Moran

BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION ()(')

APPLICATION OF MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY FOR A NON-STANDARD OIL SPACING AND PRORATION UNIT AND COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO. 2017 CCT 31 P 🗀

Case No. 15886

## <u>APPLICATION</u>

Mewbourne Oil Company applies for an order (i) approving a non-standard oil spacing and proration unit in the Bone Spring formation comprised of Lot 1, NE¼NW¼, and N½NE¼ (the N½N½) of Section 31 and the N½N½ of Section 32, Township 18 South, Range 29 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico, and (ii) pooling all mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying the non-standard unit, and in support thereof, states:

- 1. Applicant is an interest owner in the N½N½ of Section 31 and the N½N½ of Section 32, and has the right to drill a well thereon.
- 2. Applicant proposes to drill its Pavo Macho 31/32 B2DA Fed. Com. Well No. 1H to a depth sufficient to test the Bone Spring formation. Applicant seeks to dedicate the N½N½ of Section 31 and the N½N½ of Section 32 to the well to form a non-standard 312.51 acre oil spacing and proration unit (project area) in the Bone Spring formation for all pools developed on 40 acre spacing within that vertical extent. The well is a horizontal well, with a surface location in Lot 1 of Section 31, and a terminus in the NE¼NE½ of Section 32.
- 3. Applicant has in good faith sought to obtain the voluntary joinder of all other mineral interest owners in the Bone Spring formation in the N½N½ of Section 31 and the N½N½ of Section 32 for the purposes set forth herein.
- 4. Although applicant attempted to obtain voluntary agreements from all mineral interest owners to participate in the drilling of the well or to otherwise commit their interests to the well, certain interest owners have failed or refused to join in dedicating their interests.

Therefore, applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interest owners in the Bone Spring formation in the N½N½ of Section 31 and the N½N½ of Section 32, pursuant to NMSA 1978 §§70-2-17, 18.

5. Approval of the non-standard unit and the pooling of all mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying the N½N½ of Section 31 and the N½N½ of Section 32 will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste, and protect correlative rights.

WHEREFORE, applicant requests that, after notice and hearing, the Division enter its order:

- A. Approving a non-standard oil spacing and proration unit (project area) in the Bone Spring formation comprised of the N½N½ of Section 31 and the N½N½ of Section 32;
- B. Pooling all mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying the N½N½ of Section 31 and the N½N½ of Section 32;
- C. Designating applicant as operator of the well;
- D. Considering the cost of drilling and completing the well, and allocating the cost among the well's working interest owners;
- E. Approving actual operating charges and costs charged for supervision, together with a provision adjusting the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedure; and
- F. Setting a 200% charge for the risk involved in drilling and completing the well in the event a working interest owner elects not to participate in the well.

Respectfully submitted,

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## PROPOSED ADVERTISEMENT

Case No. <u>15886</u> :

Application of Mewbourne Oil Company for a non-standard oil spacing and proration unit and compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Mewbourne Oil Company seeks an order approving a 312.51-acre non-standard oil spacing and proration unit (project area) in the Bone Spring formation comprised of Lot 1, NE/4NW/4, and N/2NE/4 (the N/2N/2) of Section 31 and the N/2N/2 of Section 32, Township 18 South, Range 29 East, NMPM. Applicant further seeks the pooling of all mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying the N/2N/2 of Section 31 and the N/2N/2 of Section 32 for all pools developed on 40 acre spacing within that vertical extent. The unit will be dedicated to the Pavo Macho 31/32 B2DA Fed. Com. Well No. 1H, a horizontal well with a surface location in Lot 1 of Section 31, and a terminus in the NE/4NE/4 of Section 32. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing the well and the allocation of the cost thereof, as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a 200% charge for the risk involved in drilling and completing the well. The unit is located approximately 11 miles southwest of Loco Hills, New Mexico.

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