

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

**APPLICATION FOR SURFACE COMMINGLING
SUBMITTED BY XTO PERMIAN OPERATING, LLC**

ORDER NO. PLC-649

ORDER

The Director of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (“OCD”), having considered the application, issues the following Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. XTO Permian Operating, LLC (“Applicant”) submitted a complete application to surface commingle and off-lease measure the oil and gas production ("Application") from the pools, leases, and wells identified in Exhibit A.
2. To the extent that ownership is identical, Applicant submitted a certification by a licensed attorney or qualified petroleum landman that the ownership in the pools, leases, and wells to be commingled is identical as defined in 19.15.12.7(B) NMAC.
3. Applicant proposed a method to allocate the oil and gas production to the pools, leases, and wells to be commingled.
4. To the extent that ownership is diverse, Applicant provided notice of the Application to all persons owning an interest in the oil and gas production to be commingled, including the owners of royalty and overriding royalty interests, regardless whether they have a right or option to take their interests in kind, and those persons either submitted a written waiver or did not file an objection to the Application.
5. Applicant provided notice of the Application to the Bureau of Land Management (“BLM”) or New Mexico State Land Office (“NMSLO”), as applicable.
6. Applicant intends to submit one or more application(s) to the BLM to form or amend a participating area and has identified the acreage of each lease within each spacing unit (“Pooled Area”) to be included in the application(s).

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

7. OCD has jurisdiction to issue this Order pursuant to the Oil and Gas Act, NMSA 1978, §§ 70-2-6, 70-2-11, 70-2-12, 70-2-16, and 70-2-17, and 19.15.12 NMAC.
8. To the extent that ownership is diverse, Applicant satisfied the notice requirements for the Application in accordance with 19.15.12.10(A)(2), (C)(4)(c), and (C)(4)(e) NMAC.

9. Applicant's proposed method of allocation, as modified herein, complies with 19.15.12.10(B)(1) or (C)(1) NMAC, as applicable.
10. Commingling involving state, federal, or tribal leases shall not commence until approved by the BLM or NMSLO, as applicable, in accordance with 19.15.12.10(B)(3) and (C)(4)(h) NMAC.
11. By granting the Application with the conditions specified below, this Order prevents waste and protects correlative rights, public health, and the environment.

ORDER

1. Effective April 8, 2020, Applicant is authorized to surface commingle and off-lease measure oil and gas production from the pools, leases, and wells identified in Exhibit A.
2. No later than sixty (60) days after the Authorized Officer of the BLM has approved a paying well determination submitted by Applicant determining one or more wells are capable of commercial production in paying quantities, Applicant shall submit to the BLM a participating area application inclusive of the Pooled Area as defined in Applicant's Form C-102 and Exhibit B. If Applicant fails to do so, this Order shall terminate on the following day. No later than sixty (60) days after the BLM approves or denies the participating area application, Applicant shall submit Form C-103 with a copy of the decision and agreement. If Applicant withdraws, or the BLM denies the participating area application this Order shall terminate on the date of such action. If the BLM approves but modifies the participating area application, then Applicant shall comply with the approved agreement(s), and no later than sixty (60) days after such decision, Applicant shall submit a new surface commingle application to conform this Order with the approved agreement(s). If OCD denies the application, this Order shall terminate automatically. Applicant shall comply with this section for each subsequent well determined to be capable of commercial production in paying quantities.
3. Applicant shall allocate the oil and gas production to each lease within a Pooled Area in proportion to the acreage that each lease bears to the entire acreage of the Pooled Area described in Exhibit B until that Pooled Area is included in a participating area. After a Pooled Area is included in a participating area, the oil and gas production from that Pooled Area shall be allocated as required by the agreement establishing the participating area including any production that had been allocated previously in accordance with this Order.
4. The allocation of oil and gas production shall be based on the production life of each well. The production of a well shall be measured for three periods: (a) the initial production period shall be measured from the first production until either the peak production rate or thirty (30) days after the first production; (b) the plateau period shall be measured from the end of the initial production period to the peak decline rate; and (c) the decline period shall be measured from the end of the plateau period until the well is plugged and abandoned.

For each well, during the initial production period, the oil and gas production shall be separated and metered prior to commingling.

For each well, during the plateau period, the oil and gas production shall be allocated using a minimum of four (4) well tests per month.

For each well, during the decline period, the oil and gas production shall be allocated on the basis of: (a) four (4) well tests per month when the decline rate is greater than 21% per month; (b) three (3) well tests per month when the decline rate is between 21% and 13% per month; (c) two well tests per month when the decline rate is between 13% and 6% per month; and (d) one (1) well test per month when the decline rate is less than 6% per month.

Applicant shall submit a Form C-103 each quarter to the Engineering Bureau in Santa Fe that identifies the allocation method for each well, and for any well allocated by the well test method, Applicant shall provide the following information: (a) the current decline rate; (b) the minimum number of well tests per month required by this Order; and (c) the number of well tests conducted each month.

Upon OCD's request, Applicant shall submit a Form C-103 to the Engineering Bureau in Santa Fe that provides the decline rate curve and other relevant information demonstrating the production life of a well.

Applicant shall conduct a well test by separating and metering the oil and gas production from each well for either (a) a minimum of twenty-four (24) consecutive hours; or (b) a combination of nonconsecutive periods that meet the following conditions: (i) each period shall be a minimum of six (6) hours; and (ii) the total duration of the nonconsecutive periods shall be a minimum of eighteen (18) hours.

5. Applicant shall measure the commingled oil at a central tank battery described in Exhibit A in accordance with 19.15.18.15 NMAC or 19.15.23.8 NMAC.
6. Applicant shall measure the commingled gas at the central delivery point described in Exhibit A in accordance with 19.15.19.9 NMAC, provided however that if the gas is flared, regardless whether OCD has granted an exception pursuant to 19.15.18.12(B) NMAC, Applicant shall report the gas in accordance with 19.15.18.12(F) NMAC.
7. Applicant shall calibrate the meters used to measure or allocate oil and gas production in accordance with 19.15.12.10(C)(2) NMAC.
8. Applicant shall not commence commingling involving state, federal, or tribal leases until approved by the BLM or NMSLO, as applicable.
9. OCD retains jurisdiction and reserves the right to modify or revoke this Order if it determines that the Application did not accurately describe the pools, leases, and wells in the Pooled Area(s) or any action affecting or related to the commingling of oil and gas production, or as deemed necessary to prevent waste or protect correlative rights, public health, or the environment.

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**ADRIENNE SANDOVAL
DIRECTOR**

DATE: 4/07/2020

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Exhibit A

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Operator: **XTO Permian Operating, LLC (373075)**

Central Tank Battery: **James Ranch Unit DI11 Battery**

Central Tank Battery Location (NMPM): **SW/4, Section 17, Township 22 South, Range 30 East**

Gas Custody Transfer Meter Location (NMPM): **SW/4, Section 17, Township 22 South, Range 30 East**

Pools

Pool Name	Pool Code
WC 015 G08 S223017 K WOLFCAMP	98344
WILDCAT G-07 S223021G; BONE SPRING	97905

Leases as defined in 19.15.12.7(C) NMAC

Lease	Location (NMPM)
EO 62928	
NMNM 0554239	
NMNM 0554220	

Wells

Well API	Well Name	Location (NMPM)	Pool Code	Train
30-015-46377	James Ranch Unit DI11 Whitlash 251H	K-17-22S-30E	98344	
30-015-46283	James Ranch Unit DI11 Whitlash 515H	K-17-22S-30E	97905	
30-015-46284	James Ranch Unit DI11 Whitlash A 715H	K-17-22S-30E	97905	

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Pooled Areas

Pooled Area	Location (NMPM)		Acres	Pooled Area ID
WC 251H ""	NE/4 SW/4 Sec 17, N/2 S/2 Sec 18 N/2 S/2 Sec 13	T22S-R30E T22S-R29E	360	A
BS 515H ""	S/2 SW/4 Sec 17, S/2 S/2 Sec 18 S/2 S/2 Sec 13	T22S-R30E T22S-R30E	400	B

Leases Comprising Pooled Areas

Lease	Location (NMPM)	Acres	Pooled Area ID
EO 62928		40	A
NMNM 0554239		160	A
NMNM 0554220		160	A