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

# APPLICATION FOR SURFACE COMMINGLING SUBMITTED BY DEVON ENERGY PRODUCTION COMPANY, LP

**ORDER NO. PLC-752** 

## <u>ORDER</u>

The Director of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("OCD"), having considered the application and the recommendation of the OCD Engineering Bureau, issues the following Order.

# **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. Devon Energy Production Company, LP ("Applicant") submitted a complete application to surface commingle the oil and gas production from the pools, leases, and wells identified in Exhibit A ("Application").
- 2. Applicant proposed a method to allocate the oil and gas production to the pools, leases, and wells to be commingled.
- 3. 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.
- 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 of 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 certified the commingling of oil and gas production from the pools, leases, and wells will not in reasonable probability reduce the value of the oil and gas production to less than if it had remained segregated.
- 7. Applicant stated that it sought authorization to surface commingle and off-lease measure, as applicable, oil and gas production from wells which have not yet been approved to be drilled, but will produce from a pool and lease identified in Exhibit A.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

8. 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, 19.15.12. NMAC, and 19.15.23. NMAC.

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- 9. Applicant satisfied the notice requirements for the Application in accordance with 19.15.12.10.A.(2) NMAC, 19.15.12.10.C.(4)(c) NMAC, and 19.15.12.10.C.(4)(e) NMAC, as applicable.
- 10. Applicant satisfied the notice requirements for the Application in accordance with 19.15.23.9.A.(5) NMAC and 19.15.23.9.A.(6) NMAC, as applicable.
- 11. Applicant's proposed method of allocation, as modified herein, complies with 19.15.12.10.B.(1) NMAC or 19.15.12.10.C.(1) NMAC, as applicable.
- 12. Commingling of oil and gas production from 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) NMAC and 19.15.12.10.C.(4)(h) NMAC.
- 13. By granting the Application with the conditions specified below, this Order prevents waste and protects correlative rights, public health, and the environment.

### **ORDER**

1. Applicant is authorized to surface commingle oil and gas production from the pools, leases, and wells identified in Exhibit A.

Applicant is authorized to store and measure oil and gas production off-lease from the pools, leases, and wells identified in Exhibit A at a central tank battery described in Exhibit A.

Applicant is authorized to surface commingle oil and gas production from wells not included in Exhibit A but that produce from a pool and lease identified in Exhibit A.

Applicant is authorized to store and measure oil and gas production off-lease from wells not included in Exhibit A but that produce from a pool and lease identified in Exhibit A at a central tank battery described in Exhibit A.

- 2. The allocation of oil and gas production to wells not included in Exhibit A but that produce from a pool and lease identified in Exhibit A shall be determined in the same manner as to wells identified in Exhibit A that produce from that pool and lease, provided that if more than one allocation method is being used or if there are no wells identified in Exhibit A that produce from the pool and lease, then allocation of oil and gas production to each well not included in Exhibit A shall be determined by OCD prior to commingling production from it with the production from another well.
- 3. The oil and gas production for each well identified in Exhibit A shall be separated and metered prior to commingling.
- 4. Applicant shall measure and market the commingled oil at a central tank battery described in Exhibit A in accordance with this Order and 19.15.18.15. NMAC or 19.15.23.8. NMAC.
- 5. Applicant shall measure and market the commingled gas at a well pad, central delivery point, central tank battery, or gas title transfer meter described in Exhibit A in accordance with this Order and 19.15.19.9. NMAC, provided however that if the gas is vented or flared, and

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regardless of the reason or authorization pursuant to 19.15.28.8.B. NMAC for such venting or flaring, Applicant shall measure or estimate the gas in accordance with 19.15.28.8.E. NMAC.

- 6. Applicant shall calibrate the meters used to measure or allocate oil and gas production in accordance with 19.15.12.10.C.(2) NMAC.
- 7. If the commingling of oil and gas production from any pool, lease, or well reduces the value of the commingled oil and gas production to less than if it had remained segregated, no later than sixty (60) days after the decrease in value has occurred Applicant shall submit a new surface commingling application to OCD to amend this Order to remove the pool, lease, or well whose oil and gas production caused the decrease in value. If Applicant fails to submit a new application, this Order shall terminate on the following day, and if OCD denies the application, this Order shall terminate on the date of such action.
- 8. If a well is not included in Exhibit A but produces from a pool or lease identified in Exhibit A, then Applicant shall submit Forms C-102 and C-103 to the OCD Engineering Bureau after the well has been approved to be drilled and prior to off-lease measuring or commingling oil or gas production from it with the production from another well. The Form C-103 shall reference this Order and identify the well and proposed method to determine the allocation of oil and gas production to it.
- 9. Applicant shall not commence commingling oil or gas production from state, federal, or tribal leases until approved by the BLM or NMSLO, as applicable.
- 10. If OCD determines that Applicant has failed to comply with any provision of this Order, OCD may take any action authorized by the Oil and Gas Act or the New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC).
- 11. OCD retains jurisdiction of this matter and reserves the right to modify or revoke this Order as it deems necessary.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

DIRECTOR

Woul	DATE:	10/07/2021	
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# State of New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

# **Exhibit A**

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**Operator: Devon Energy Production Company, LP (6137)** 

Central Tank Battery: Alley Cat 17 Central Tank Battery 3

Central Tank Battery Location: Unit B, Section 17, Township 23 South, Range 32 East Gas Custody Transfer Meter Location: Unit B, Section 17, Township 23 South, Range 32 East

### **Pools**

Pool Name Pool Code SAND DUNES; BONE SPRING 53800 SAND DUNES; BONE SPRING, SOUTH 53805

# Leases as defined in 19.15.12.7(C) NMAC

Leases as defined in 17:13:12:7(e) 11/11/12				
Lease	UL or Q/Q	S-T-R		
CA Bone Spring NMNM 138762	W/2 E/2	17-23S-32E		
CA Bone Spring INVINIT 136/02	W/2 E/2	20-23S-32E		
CA Dona Spring NMNM 129762	E/2 E/2	17-23S-32E		
CA Bone Spring NMNM 138763	E/2 E/2	20-23S-32E		
CA Bone Spring NMNM 138942	W/2	17-23S-32E		

### Wells

Well API	Well Name	UL or Q/Q	S-T-R	Pool
30-025-45064	Alley Cat 17 Federal Com #211H	W/2	17-23S-32E	53805
30-025-45065	Alley Cat 17 Federal Com #212H	W/2	17-23S-32E	53805
20 025 46022	30-025-46023 Alley Cat 17 20 Federal Com #524H	W/2 E/2	17-23S-32E	53800
30-025-40025		W/2 E/2	20-23S-32E	55800
30-025-46251	5-46251 Alley Cat 17 20 Federal Com #525H	E/2 E/2	17-23S-32E	53800
30-023-40231		E/2 E/2	20-23S-32E	33000
30-025-46252 Alley Cat 17 20 Federal Com #526H	Aller Cat 17 20 Endavel Com #52(II	E/2 E/2	17-23S-32E	<b>52000</b>
	E/2 E/2	20-23S-32E	53800	