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

# APPLICATION FOR SURFACE COMMINGLING SUBMITTED BY CROSS TIMBERS ENERGY, LLC

ORDER NO. PLC-809

#### **ORDER**

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. Cross Timbers Energy, LLC ("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. Applicant intends to segregate the oil and gas production from each lease and from each pool within that lease as identified in Exhibit B from the oil and gas production from all other pools and leases prior to measuring the production from each pool and lease with an allocation meter.
- 4. 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.
- 5. 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.
- 6. Applicant provided notice of the Application to the Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") or New Mexico State Land Office ("NMSLO"), as applicable.
- 7. 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.
- 8. Applicant in the notice for the Application stated that it sought authorization to add additional pools, leases, and wells and identified the parameters to make such additions.

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9. 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

- 10. 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.
- 11. 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.
- 12. 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.
- 13. 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.
- 14. 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.
- 15. Applicant satisfied the notice requirements for the subsequent addition of pools, leases, and wells in the notice for the Application, in accordance with 19.15.12.10.C.(4)(g) NMAC. Subsequent additions of pools, leases, and wells within Applicant's defined parameters, as modified herein, will not, in reasonable probability, reduce the commingled production's value or otherwise adversely affect the interest owners in the production to be added.
- 16. 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. This Order supersedes Order CTB-259.

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- 3. The allocation of oil and gas production to each pool and lease identified in Exhibit B shall be determined by separating and metering the production from each pool and lease as described by Group ID in Exhibit B prior to commingling that production with production from any other pool and lease.
- 4. 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.
- 5. 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.
- 6. 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 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.
- 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. 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.
- 9. Applicant may submit an application to amend this Order to add pools, leases, and subsequently drilled wells with spacing units adjacent to or within the tracts commingled by this Order by submitting a Form C-107-B in accordance with 19.15.12.10.C.(4)(g) NMAC, provided the pools, leases, and subsequently drilled wells are within the identified parameters included in the Application.
- 10. 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, proposed method to determine the allocation of oil and gas production to it, and the location(s) that commingling of its production will occur.

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- 11. Applicant shall not commence commingling oil or gas production from state, federal, or tribal leases until approved by the BLM or NMSLO, as applicable.
- 12. 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).
- 13. 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

**DATE:** Jun 3, 2022

ADRIENNE E. SANDOVAL DIRECTOR

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## State of New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

# Exhibit A

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**Operator: Cross Timbers Energy, LLC (298299)** 

**Central Tank Battery: NM AE State Battery** 

Central Tank Battery Location: UL F, Section 12, Township 18 South, Range 34 East Gas Title Transfer Meter Location: UL F, Section 12, Township 18 South, Range 34 East

#### **Pools**

Pool Name Pool Code VACUUM; ABO REEF 61780 VACUUM; BLINEBRY 61850

# Leases as defined in 19.15.12.7(C) NMAC

Lease	UL or Q/Q	S-T-R
BO 12580003 (ABO)	All	11-18S-34E
BO 12300003 (ABO)	W/2	12-18S-34E
DO 12590002 (DI INEDDV)	All	11-18S-34E
BO 12580003 (BLINEBRY)	W/2	12-18S-34E

#### Wells

Well API	Well Name	UL or Q/Q	S-T-R	Pool
30-025-20165	<b>New Mexico AE State #9</b>	C	12-18S-34E	61780
30-025-20509	<b>New Mexico AE State #16</b>	C	11-18S-34E	61780
30-025-25082	<b>New Mexico AE State #25</b>	В	11-18S-34E	61780
30-025-28271	New Mexico AE State #26	E	12-18S-34E	61850

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# Exhibit B

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**Operator: Cross Timbers Energy, LLC (298299)** 

#### **Pools**

Pool Name Pool Code
VACUUM; ABO REEF 61780
VACUUM; BLINEBRY 61850

# Leases as defined in 19.15.12.7(C) NMAC

	Lease	UL or Q/Q	S-T-R
	DO 13590003 (ADO)	All	11-18S-34E
BO 12580003 (ABO)	W/2	12-18S-34E	
	DO 12590002 (DI INEDDV)	All	11-18S-34E
BU 12500003 (B	BO 12580003 (BLINEBRY)	W/2	12-18S-34E

# **Pools within each Lease**

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Lease	Pool Code	Group ID	
BO 1250003 (A	BO) 61780	AA	
BO 1250003 (BLINEB	RY) 61850	BB	

### Wells

Well API	Well Name	UL or Q/Q	S-T-R	Group ID
30-025-20165	New Mexico AE State #9	C	12-18S-34E	AA
30-025-20509	New Mexico AE State #16	C	11-18S-34E	AA
30-025-25082	New Mexico AE State #25	В	11-18S-34E	AA
30-025-28271	New Mexico AE State #26	E	12-18S-34E	BB