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Florene Davidson Oil Conservation Division 1220 South St. Francis Drive Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

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#### Dear Florene:

Enclosed are an original and one copy of an application for compulsory pooling, together with a proposed advertisement, filed on behalf of Mewbourne Oil Company. Please set this matter for the October 21, 2004 Examiner hearing. Thanks.

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The advertisement has also been e-mailed to you.

Very/truly yours,

James Bruce

Attorney for Mewbourne Oil Company

# PARTIES BEING POOLED

Chesapeake Energy Corporation P.O. Box 18496 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73154

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#### BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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APPLICATION OF MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

### APPLICATION

Mewbourne Oil Company applies for an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation underlying the N½ of Section 9, Township 21 South, Range 35 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico, and in support thereof, states:

- 1. Applicant is a working interest owner in the N½ of Section 9, and has the right to drill a well thereon.
- 2. Applicant proposes to drill its Osudo "9" State Com. Well No. 1, at an orthodox well location in the SE½NE% of Section 9, to a depth sufficient to test the Morrow formation, and seeks to dedicate the following acreage to the well:
  - (a) the SE½NE% of Section 9 to form a standard 40 acre oil spacing and proration unit for any formations and/or pools developed on 40 acre spacing within that vertical extent, including the Undesignated Osudo-Wolfcamp Pool and Undesignated Osudo-Strawn Pool;
  - (b) the NE% of Section 9 to form a standard 160 acre gas spacing and proration unit for any formations and/or pools developed on 160 acre spacing within that vertical extent, including the Undesignated South Osudo-Wolfcamp Gas Pool; and (c) the N% of Section 9 to form a standard 320 acre gas spacing and proration unit for any formations and/or pools developed on 320 acre spacing within that vertical extent,

including the Undesignated South Osudo-Morrow Gas Pool.

- 3. Applicant has in good faith sought to obtain the voluntary joinder of all other mineral interest owners in the N% of Section 9 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 N½ of Section 9, pursuant to NMSA 1978 §70-2-17.
- 5. The pooling of all mineral interests underlying the  $N\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 9 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. Pooling all mineral interests in the N½ of Section 9 from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation:
- B. Designating applicant as operator of the well;
- C. Considering the cost of drilling and completing the well, and allocating the cost thereof among the well's working interest owners;
- D. Approving actual operating charges and costs charged for supervision, together with a provision adjusting the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedure; and

E. 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 357: Application of Mewbourne Oil Company for compulsory pooling, Lea County. New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation underlying the following described acreage in Section 9, Township 21 South, Range 35 East, N.M.P.M., and in the following manner: The N½ to form a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations developed on 320-acre spacing within that vertical extent, including the Undesignated South Osudo-Morrow Gas Pool; the NE1/4 to form a standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations developed on 160-acre spacing within that vertical extent, including the Undesignated South Osudo-Wolfcamp Gas Pool; and the SE1/4NE1/4 to form a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations developed on 40-acre spacing within that vertical extent, including the Undesignated Osudo-Wolfcamp Pool and Undesignated Osudo-Strawn Pool. The unit is to be dedicated to the proposed Osudo "9" State Com. Well No. 1, to be drilled at an orthodox location in the SE1/4NE1/4 (Unit H) of Section 9. 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 units are located approximately 7½ miles west of Oil Center, New Mexico.