

BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

**APPLICATION OF MATADOR PRODUCTION
COMPANY FOR A NON-STANDARD SPACING
AND PRORATION UNIT AND COMPULSORY
POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

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Case No. 16062

APPLICATION

Matador Production Company applies for an order (i) approving a 160 acre non-standard oil spacing and proration unit in the Bone Spring formation comprised of the E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 7, Township 22 South, Range 32 East, N.M.P.M., Lea 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 operator in the E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 7, and has the right to drill a well thereon.
2. Applicant proposes to drill the Laurie Wyman Fed. Com. Well No. 132H to a depth sufficient to test the Bone Spring formation. Applicant seeks to dedicate the E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 7 to the well to form a non-standard 160 acre oil spacing and proration unit (project area) in the Bone Spring formation. The well is a horizontal well with a surface location in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and a terminus in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, of Section 7. The producing interval will be orthodox.
3. Applicant has in good faith sought to obtain the voluntary joinder of all other mineral interest owners in the E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 7 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 underlying the E½W½ of Section 7, 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 E½W½ of Section 7, 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 E½W½ of Section 7;
- B. Pooling all mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying the E½W½ of Section 7;
- C. Designating applicant as operator of the well;
- D. Considering the cost of drilling and completing the well, and allocating the costs 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. 16062:

Application of Matador Production Company for a non-standard spacing and proration unit and compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order approving a 160-acre non-standard oil spacing and proration unit (project area) in the Bone Spring formation comprised of the E/2W/2 of Section 7, Township 22 South, Range 32 East, NMPM. Applicant further seeks the pooling of all mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying the non-standard spacing and proration unit (project area). The unit will be dedicated to the Laurie Wyman Fed. Com. Well No. 132H, a horizontal well with a surface location in the NE/4NW/4, and a terminus in the SE/4SW/4, of Section 7. The producing interval will be orthodox. 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 10 miles south of the intersection of State Highway 176 and U.S. Highway 62/180.