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

AMENDED APPLICATION OF MARATHON OIL PERMIAN LLC FOR THE APPROVAL OF A NON-STANDARD SPACING AND PRORATION UNIT, NONSTANDARD LOCATIONS AND COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

**CASE NO. 16150** 

AMENDED APPLICATION OF MARATHON OIL PERMIAN LLC FOR A NON-STANDARD SPACING AND PRORATION UNIT, NON-STANDARD LOCATIONS, AND COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

**CASE NO. 16151** 

# **MARATHON'S AMENDED PRE-HEARING STATEMENT**

Marathon Oil Permian LLC ("Marathon") submits this Pre-Hearing Statement for the above-referenced case pursuant to the rules of the Oil Conservation Division.

## **APPEARANCES**

## **APPLICANT**

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# **OPPONENT**

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#### STATEMENT OF CASE

## **APPLICANT**:

In Case No. 16150, Applicant seeks an order from the Division: 1) creating a non-standard spacing 640-acre, more or less, spacing and proration unit covering the W/2 of Sections 18 and 19, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico; (2) pooling all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying the non-standard standard spacing and proration unit; and (3) the approval of non-standard locations. This proposed non-standard spacing and proration unit will be the project area for the Halberd Federal 24-35-18 WA 5H; Halberd Federal 24-35-18 WXY 3H; and Halberd Federal 24-35-18 WXY 10H wells, to be horizontally drilled. The producing area for these wells will have unorthodox locations. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said wells, the allocation of these costs as well as the actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of Marathon as operator of the well, and a 200% charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located approximately 15 miles northwest of Jal, New Mexico.

In Case No. 16151, Applicant seeks an order from the Division: 1) creating a non-standard 320-acre, more or less, spacing and proration unit in the Bone Spring formation, comprised of the W/2 W/2 of Sections 18 and 19, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico; (2) approving non-standard locations; and, (3) pooling all mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying this proposed non-standard spacing and proration unit. This proposed non-standard spacing and proration unit will be the project area for the **Halberd Federal 24-35-18 FB 12H** and **Halberd Federal 24-35-18 TB 6H** wells, to be horizontally drilled. The producing area for the wells will have unorthodox locations. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well, the allocation of these costs as well as the actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of Marathon as operator of the well, and a 200% charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located approximately 15 miles northwest of Jal, New Mexico.

# PROPOSED EVIDENCE

# **APPLICANT:**

WITNESS	ESTIMATED TIME	<b>EXHIBITS</b>
Ryan Gyllenband - Landman	Approx. 30	Approx. 8
Ethan Perry - Geologist	Approx. 30	Approx. 6
Jacob Rotolo/TBD – Reservoir Engineer	Approx. 30	Approx. 6

# **PROCEDURAL ISSUES**

Marathon asks that these matters be consolidated at hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

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# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served on counsel of record by electronic mail on August 23, 2018:

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