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

APPLICATION OF MARATHON OIL PERMIAN LLC FOR COMPUSLORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NOS. 20883, 20884, 20885

MARATHON OIL PERMIAN LLC'S PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

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

APPEARANCES

APPLICANT

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STATEMENT OF CASE

APPLICANT:

In Case No. 20883, Marathon Applicant seeks an order from the Division pooling all uncommitted mineral interests within a Bone Spring horizontal spacing unit underlying the W/2 E/2 of Section 35, Township 24 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico. This spacing unit will be dedicated to the **Ripley 35 SB Fed Com 6H** well, to be horizontally drilled. The producing area for this well will be orthodox. 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, and allowing a one year period between when the well is drilled and when the well is completed.

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be dedicated to the **Ripley 35 SB Fed Com 11H** well, to be horizontally drilled. The producing area for this well will be orthodox. 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, and allowing a one year period between when the well is drilled and when the well is completed.

In Case No. 20885, Marathon seeks an order from the Division pooling all uncommitted mineral interests within a Wolfcamp horizontal spacing unit underlying the E/2 of Section 35, Township 24 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico. This spacing unit will be dedicated to the Ripley 35 WXY Fed Com 5H, Ripley 35 WA Fed Com 4H, Ripley 35 WXY Fed Com 3H, Ripley 35 WA Fed Com 9H, Ripley 35 WD Fed Com 2H, Ripley 35 WD Fed Com 7H and Ripley 35 WD Fed Com 8H wells, to be horizontally drilled. The producing area for these wells will be unorthodox. 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 wells, and a 200% charge for risk involved in drilling said wells, and allowing a one year period between when the wells are drilled and when the first well is completed.

PROPOSED EVIDENCE

APPLICANT:

Landman: Jeff Broussard Approx. 30 minutes Approx. 8

Geologist: TBD Approx. 30 minutes Approx. 6

PROCEDURAL ISSUES

If there are no objections to these matters, Marathon intends to present them by affidavit and to consolidate them for hearing purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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