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

## APPLICATION OF FRANKLIN MOUNTAIN ENERGY, LLC FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

CASE NO.	

## **APPLICATION**

Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC ("FME"), OGRID Number 373910, through its undersigned attorneys, hereby makes an application to the Oil Conservation Division ("Division") pursuant to the provisions of NMSA (1978), Section 70-2-17, for an order pooling all uncommitted mineral interests within a Bone Spring horizontal spacing unit underlying the E/2 of Sections 2 and 11, Township 25 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

In support of this application, FME states as follows:

- 1. FME has an interest in the subject lands and has a right to drill and operate a well thereon.
- 2. FME seeks to dedicate the E/2 of Sections 2 and 11, Township 25 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico to form a 640-acre, more or less, spacing unit.
- 3. FME plans to drill the **Parade State 603H** and the **Beauty Queen Federal 604H** wells to a depth sufficient to test the Bone Spring formation. The wells will be horizontally drilled.
- 4. The Parade State 603H well will not comply with the Division's setback requirements. FME will apply for administrative approval of the non-standard well locations separately.

- 5. The Beauty Queen Federal 604H well will be drilled at an orthodox location under the Division's rules.
- 6. The completed interval for the Beauty Queen Federal 604H well is less than 330' from the adjoining tracts and the Division's rules allow for the inclusion of proximity tracts within the proposed spacing unit for the wells.
- 7. FME sought, but has been unable to obtain, a voluntary agreement from all interest owners in the Bone Spring formation underlying the proposed spacing unit to participate in the drilling of the wells or to otherwise commit their interests to the wells.
- 8. The pooling of all interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying the proposed unit will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste and protect correlative rights.
- 9. FME further requests that it be allowed one (1) year between the time the first well is drilled and completion of the wells under the order issued by the Division.

WHEREFORE, FME requests this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on December 12, 2019, and after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter its order:

- A. Pooling all mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying a horizontal spacing unit within the E/2 of Sections 2 and 11, Township 25 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico;
  - B. Designating FME as operator of this unit and the wells to be drilled thereon;
- C. Authorizing FME to recover its costs of drilling, equipping and completing the wells:
- D. Approving actual operating charges and costs charged for supervision, together with a provision adjusting the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedure;

- E. Setting a 200% charge for the risk involved in drilling and completing the wells in the event a working interest owner elects not to participate in the wells;
- F. Allowing a time period of one (1) year between when the first well is drilled and when the wells are completed under the order.

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CASE NO. \_\_\_\_\_\_: Application of Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order from the Division pooling all uncommitted mineral interests within a Bone Spring horizontal spacing unit underlying the E/2 of Sections 2 and 11, Township 25 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. This spacing unit will be dedicated to the Parade State 603H well and the Beauty Queen Federal 604H well, to be horizontally drilled. The producing area for the Parade State 603H well will be unorthodox. The producing area for the Beauty Queen Federal 604H well will be orthodox. 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 Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC 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 first well is drilled and when the wells are completed. Said area is located approximately 9 miles Northwest of Jal, New Mexico.