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*Case 15550*

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1220 South St. Francis Drive  
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Dear Florene:

Enclosed for filing, on behalf of Mewbourne Oil Company, are an application for compulsory pooling, *etc.*, together with a proposed advertisement. Please set the application for the September 29, 2016 Examiner hearing. Thank you.

Very truly yours,



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BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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APPLICATION OF MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY  
FOR A NON-STANDARD OIL SPACING AND  
PRORATION UNIT AND COMPULSORY POOLING,  
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

Case No. 15550

APPLICATION

Mewbourne Oil Company applies for an order (i) approving a non-standard oil spacing and proration unit in the Bone Spring formation comprised of the  $W\frac{1}{2}W\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 23, Township 26 South, Range 27 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy 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 interest owner in the  $W\frac{1}{2}W\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 23, and has the right to drill a well thereon.
2. Applicant has drilled the Owl Draw 23 DM Fed. Com. Well No. 2 to a depth sufficient to test the Bone Spring formation, and has dedicated the  $W\frac{1}{2}W\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 23 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 370 feet from the south line and 1055 feet from the west line of adjoining Section 14, and a terminus 334 feet from the south line and 661 feet from the west line of Section 23.
3. Applicant has in good faith sought to obtain the voluntary joinder of all other mineral interest owners in the  $W\frac{1}{2}W\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 23 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.

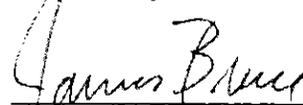
Therefore, applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interest owners in the Bone Spring formation in the W½W½ of Section 23, pursuant to NMSA 1978 §§70-2-17, 18.

5. Approval of the non-standard spacing and proration unit and the pooling of all mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying the W½W½ of Section 23 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 W½W½ of Section 23;
- B. Pooling all mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying the W½W½ of Section 23;
- C. Designating applicant as operator of the well;
- D. Considering the cost of drilling and completing the well, and allocating the cost 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. 15550 :

***Application of Mewbourne Oil Company for a non-standard oil spacing and proration unit and compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.*** Mewbourne Oil Company seeks an order approving a 160-acre non-standard oil spacing and proration unit (project area) in the Bone Spring formation comprised of the W/2W/2 of Section 23, Township 26 South, Range 27 East, NMPM. Applicant further seeks the pooling of all mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying the W/2W/2 of Section 23. The unit is dedicated to the Owl Draw 23 DM Fed. Com. Well No. 2, a horizontal well with a surface location 370 feet from the south line and 1055 feet from the west line of adjoining Section 14, and a terminus 334 feet from the south line and 661 feet from the west line of Section 23. 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 13 miles south-southeast of Black River Village, New Mexico.

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