

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

**APPLICATION OF MARATHON OIL PERMIAN LLC TO AMEND
ORDER R-14660 AND R-14661 TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL TIME FOR
COMPLETION OPERATIONS, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

CASE NO. 15985 (RE-OPENED)

CASE NO. 15986 (RE-OPENED)

APPLICATION

Marathon Oil Permian LLC ("Marathon"), OGRID Number 372098, through its undersigned attorneys, hereby files this application with the Oil Conservation Division pursuant to the provisions of N.M. Stat. Ann. § 70-2-17, for an order: (1) amending Order R-14660 to allow for additional time to complete wells; and (2) amending Order R-14661 to allow for additional time to complete wells. In support of this application, Marathon states:

1. Marathon is an interest owner in the subject lands and has a right to drill a well thereon.
2. Order No. R-14660 approved the creation of a non-standard proration unit covering the Bone Springs formation underlying the E/2 W/2 of Section 18, Township 23 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico (the "project area"), and pooled all uncommitted interests underlying this unit. Marathon plans to drill and complete the **Gravel Grinder Fee 28-28-18 TB 6H** well, which is a horizontal well that will develop the Culebra Bluff, Bone Spring, South Pool (Pool Code 15011) underlying the proration unit.
3. Order No. R-14661 pooled all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying the spacing and proration unit located within the W/2 of Section 18, Township 23 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico. Marathon plans to drill and complete

the **Gravel Grinder Fee 23-28-18 WXY 3H** well, which is a horizontal well that will develop the Purple Sage Wolfcamp Gas Pool (Pool Code 98220) with in the proration unit along with two other wells: the **Gravel Grinder Fee 23-28-18 WXY 10H** and **Gravel Grinder Fee 23-28-18 WA 5H**.

4. Under both orders, the Division requires Marathon to complete the specified wells within 120 days after the wells are drilled. Due to the rising demand for completion crews, Marathon may be unable to meet this deadline and requests an extension of one (1) year between the time when the wells are drilled and the completion of the first well.

5. Notice of this application is being given in accordance with Division rules.

WHEREFORE, Marathon requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on September 20, 2018, and, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order:

A. Amend Order No. 14660 to allow for a one year period between when the well(s) are drilled under that order and required to be completed;

B. Amend Order No. 14661 to allow for a one year period between when the well(s) are drilled under that order and required to be completed;

Respectfully submitted,

MODRALL, SPERLING, ROEHL, HARRIS
& SISK, P.A.

By: 

Jennifer Bradford
P.O. Box 2168
500 Fourth Street NW, Suite 1000
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103-2168
Telephone: 505.848.1800
Attorneys for Applicant

CASE NO. _____: Application of Marathon Oil Permian LLC to Amend Order R-14660 and R-14661 to Allow Additional Time for Completion Operations, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order (1) amending Order R-14660 to allow additional time to complete wells; and (2) amending Order R-14661 to allow additional time to complete wells. These orders allow for the drilling and completion of the **Gravel Grinder Fee 28-28-18 TB 6H** well within the Bone Spring formation in the E/2 W/2 of Section 18, Township 23 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico and the **Gravel Grinder Fee 23-28-18 WXY 3H, Gravel Grinder Fee 23-28-18 WXY 10H and Gravel Grinder Fee 23-28-18 WA 5H** within the Wolfcamp formation in the W/2 of Section 18, Township 23 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico. Said area is located approximately 2 miles northwest of Loving, New Mexico.