

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

**APPLICATION OF XTO ENERGY INC.  
FOR COMPULSORY POOLING,  
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

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CASE NO. 20083

**APPLICATION**

XTO Energy Inc., (“XTO”) 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, an order pooling all uncommitted interests in the Bone Spring formation in the 320-acre horizontal spacing unit comprised of the E/2W/2 of Section 33, Township 24 South, Range 29 East, and the E/2W/2 of Section 4, Township 25 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico. In support of its application, XTO states:

1. XTO Energy Inc. (OGRID No. 5380) is a working interest owner in the subject acreage and has the right to drill thereon.
2. XTO proposes to dedicate the above-referenced horizontal spacing unit to its proposed **Corral Canyon Fed Com No. 18H Well**, which will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the NE/4NW/4 (Unit C) of Section 9, Township 25 South, Range 29 East, to a bottom hole location in the NE/4NW/4 (Unit C) of Section 33, Township 24 South, Range 29 East.
3. The completed interval for the **Corral Canyon Fed Com No. 18H Well** will remain within the standard setback as required by the Statewide rules for oil wells. Because the proposed well will be batch drilled and completed with other offset wells, XTO requests an extension of the time period to drill and complete the initial well from 120 days to 365 days.

4. XTO has sought and been unable to obtain voluntary agreement for the development of these lands from all of the working interest owners in the subject spacing unit.

5. The pooling of interests will avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, will prevent waste and will protect correlative rights.

6. In order to permit XTO to obtain its just and fair share of the oil and gas underlying the subject lands, all uncommitted interests in this horizontal spacing unit should be pooled and XTO Energy Inc. should be designated the operator of each proposed horizontal well and spacing unit.

WHEREFORE, XTO requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on November 15, 2018, and, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order:

- A. Pooling all uncommitted interests in the horizontal spacing unit;
- B. Designating XTO Energy Inc. operator of this spacing unit and the horizontal well to be drilled thereon;
- C. Authorizing XTO to recover its costs of drilling, equipping and completing each well;
- D. Authorizing an extension of the 120-day requirement to drill and complete the initial well;
- E. Approving the actual operating charges and costs of supervision while drilling and after completion, together with a provision adjusting the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedures; and

- F. Imposing a 200% penalty for the risk assumed by XTO in drilling and completing the well against any working interest owner who does not voluntarily participate in the drilling of the well.

Respectfully submitted,

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**ATTORNEYS FOR XTO ENERGY INC.**

CASE No. 20083: **Application of XTO Energy Inc. for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.** Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks an order pooling all uncommitted interests in the Bone Spring formation in the 320-acre horizontal spacing unit comprised of the E/2W/2 of Section 33, Township 24 South, Range 29 East, and the E/2W/2 of Section 4, Township 25 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico. Said horizontal spacing unit will be dedicated to the proposed **Corral Canyon Fed Com No. 18H Well**, which will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the NE/4NW/4 (Unit C) of Section 9, Township 25 South, Range 29 East, to a bottom hole location in the NE/4NW/4 (Unit C) of Section 33, Township 24 South, Range 29 East. The completed interval for the well will remain within the standard setbacks as required by the Statewide rules for oil wells. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing each well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of XTO Energy Inc. as operator of each well and a 200% charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located approximately 6 miles southeast of Malaga, New Mexico.