

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

APPLICATION OF OXY USA INC. FOR  
COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY,  
NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO. 20551

APPLICATION

OXY USA Inc. ("OXY") 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 pooling all uncommitted interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying a standard 640-acre, more or less, horizontal well spacing unit comprised of the E/2 of Sections 20 and 29, Township 24 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico. In support of its application, OXY states:

1. OXY USA Inc. (OGRID No. 16696) is a working interest owner in the proposed horizontal spacing unit and has the right to drill thereon.
2. Applicant proposes to dedicate the above-referenced spacing unit to its proposed **Salt Flat CC "20-29" Federal Com No. 35H**, which will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the SE/4 SE/4 (Unit P) of Section 17 to a bottom-hole location in the SE/4 SE/4 (Unit P) of Section 29.
3. The completed interval for the **Salt Flat CC "20-29" Federal Com No. 35H Well** will remain within 330 feet of the W/2 E/2 of Sections 20 and 29 to allow inclusion of these proximity tracts in a standard 640-acre horizontal well spacing comprised of the E/2 of Sections 20 and 29.

3. Applicant 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 Applicant to obtain its just and fair share of the oil and gas underlying the subject lands, all uncommitted interests in this proposed unit should be pooled and Applicant should be designated the operator of the proposed horizontal well and spacing unit.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on June 13, 2019, and, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order:

- A. Pooling all uncommitted interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying the spacing unit and approving the initial well thereon;
- B. Designating Applicant as operator of the horizontal spacing unit and the horizontal well to be drilled thereon;
- C. Authorizing Applicant to recover its costs of drilling, equipping and completing the well;
- D. 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
- E. Imposing a 200% charge for the risk assumed by Applicant 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 OXY USA INC.**

CASE 20551 : **Application of OXY USA 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 underlying a standard 640-acre, more or less, horizontal spacing unit comprised of the E/2 of Sections 20 and 29, Township 24 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant proposes to dedicate the above-referenced spacing unit to its proposed **Salt Flat CC “20-29” Federal Com No. 35H Well**, which will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the SE/4 SE/4 (Unit P) of Section 17 to a bottom-hole location in the SE/4 SE/4 (Unit P) of Section 29. The completed interval for the **Salt Flat CC “20-29” Federal Com No. 35H Well** will remain within 330 feet of the W/2 E/2 of Sections 20 and 29 to allow inclusion of these proximity tracts in a standard 640-acre horizontal well spacing comprised of the E/2 of Sections 20 and 29. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said wells and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as the actual operating costs and charges for supervision, the designation of applicant as operator of the wells, and the 200% charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located approximately 5 miles east of Malaga, New Mexico.