OIL CONSERVATION DIV

## BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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APPLICATION OF MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

No. 12237

## APPLICATION

Mewbourne Oil Company applies for an order pooling all mineral interests from the base of the Bone Spring formation to the base of the Morrow formation underlying the W½ of Section 8, Township 18 South, Range 31 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico, and in support thereof, states:

- 1. Applicant is a working interest owner in the W% of said Section 8, and has the right to drill a well thereon.
- 2. Applicant proposes to drill its Fren "8" Fed. Com. Well No. 1, at an orthodox gas well location in the NW¼ of Section 8, to test the Morrow formation, and seeks to dedicate the W½ of Section 8 to the well for all pools or formations developed on 320 acre spacing, including the Undesignated North Shugart-Atoka Gas Pool and Undesignated North Shugart-Morrow Gas Pool.
- 3. Applicant has in good faith sought to obtain the voluntary joinder of all other mineral interest owners in the W% of Section 8 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 W½ of Section 8,

pursuant to NMSA 1978 §70-2-17 (1996).

5. The pooling of all mineral interests underlying the W% of Section 8 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. Pooling all mineral interests in the W½ of Section 8, from the base of the Bone Spring formation to the base of the Morrow formation;
- B. Designating applicant as operator of the well;
- C. Considering the cost of drilling and completing the well, and allocating the cost thereof among the well's working interest owners:
- D. Approving actual operating charges and costs charged for supervision, together with a provision adjusting said rates per the COPAS accounting procedure;
- E. Setting a penalty for the risk involved in drilling and completing the well in the event a working interest owner elects not to participate in the well; and
- F. Granting such further relief as the Division deems proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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