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

# APPLICATION FOR SURFACE COMMINGLING SUBMITTED BY MATADOR PRODUCTION COMPANY

**ORDER NO. PLC-970** 

#### **ORDER**

The Director of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("OCD"), having considered the application and the recommendation of the OCD Engineering Bureau, issues the following Order.

### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. Matador Production Company ("Applicant") submitted a complete application to surface commingle the oil and gas production from the pools, leases, and wells as described in Exhibit A ("Application").
- 2. Applicant proposed a method to allocate the oil and gas production to the pools, leases, and wells to be commingled.
- 3. Applicant submitted a certification by a licensed attorney or qualified petroleum landman that the ownership in the pools, leases, and wells to be commingled is identical as defined in 19.15.12.7 B. NMAC.
- 4. Applicant provided notice of the Application to the Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") or New Mexico State Land Office ("NMSLO"), as applicable.
- 5. Applicant certified the commingling of oil and gas production from the pools, leases, and wells will not in reasonable probability reduce the value of the oil and gas production to less than if it had remained segregated.
- 6. Applicant in the notice for the Application stated that it sought authorization to prospectively include additional pools, leases, and wells in accordance with 19.15.12.10 C.(4)(g) NMAC.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 7. OCD has jurisdiction to issue this Order pursuant to the Oil and Gas Act, NMSA 1978, §§ 70-2-6, 70-2-11, 70-2-12, 70-2-16, and 70-2-17, 19.15.12. NMAC, and 19.15.23. NMAC.
- 8. Applicant satisfied the notice requirements for the Application in accordance with 19.15.12.10 A.(2) NMAC, 19.15.12.10 C.(4)(c) NMAC, and 19.15.12.10 C.(4)(e) NMAC, as applicable.
- 9. Applicant satisfied the notice requirements for the Application in accordance with 19.15.23.9 A.(5) NMAC and 19.15.23.9 A.(6) NMAC, as applicable.
- 10. Applicant's proposed method of allocation, as modified herein, complies with 19.15.12.10 B.(1) NMAC or 19.15.12.10 C.(1) NMAC, as applicable.

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- 11. Commingling of oil and gas production from state, federal, or tribal leases shall not commence until approved by the BLM or NMSLO, as applicable, in accordance with 19.15.12.10 B.(3) NMAC and 19.15.12.10 C.(4)(h) NMAC.
- 12. Applicant did not give adequate notice that it sought authorization to prospectively include additional pools, leases, or wells as required by 19.15.12.10 C.(4)(g) NMAC.
- 13. By granting the Application with the conditions specified below, this Order prevents waste and protects correlative rights, public health, and the environment.

# <u>ORDER</u>

- 1. Applicant is authorized to surface commingle oil and gas production from the pools, leases, and wells as described in Exhibit A.
  - Applicant is authorized to store and measure oil and gas production off-lease from the pools, leases, and wells as described in Exhibit A at a central tank battery or gas title transfer meter described in Exhibit A.
- 2. The oil and gas production for each well identified in Exhibit A shall be separated and metered prior to commingling it with production from another well.
- 3. Applicant shall measure and market the commingled oil at a central tank battery described in Exhibit A in accordance with this Order and 19.15.18.15. NMAC or 19.15.23.8. NMAC.
- 4. Applicant shall measure and market the commingled gas at a well pad, central delivery point, central tank battery, or gas title transfer meter described in Exhibit A in accordance with this Order and 19.15.19.9. NMAC, provided however that if the gas is vented or flared, and regardless of the reason or authorization pursuant to 19.15.28.8 B. NMAC for such venting or flaring, Applicant shall measure or estimate the gas in accordance with 19.15.28.8 E. NMAC.
- 5. Applicant shall calibrate the meters used to measure or allocate oil and gas production in accordance with 19.15.12.10 C.(2) NMAC.
- 6. If the commingling of oil and gas production from any pool, lease, or well reduces the value of the commingled oil and gas production to less than if it had remained segregated, no later than sixty (60) days after the decrease in value has occurred Applicant shall submit a new surface commingling application to OCD to amend this Order to remove the pool, lease, or well whose oil and gas production caused the decrease in value. If Applicant fails to submit a new application, this Order shall terminate on the following day, and if OCD denies the application, this Order shall terminate on the date of such action.
- 7. Applicant's request for authorization to add pools, leases, and wells prospectively pursuant to 19.15.12.10 C.(4)(g) NMAC is denied.
- 8. Applicant shall not commence commingling oil or gas production from state, federal, or tribal leases until approved by the BLM or NMSLO, as applicable.

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- 9. If OCD determines that Applicant has failed to comply with any provision of this Order, OCD may take any action authorized by the Oil and Gas Act or the New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC).
- 10. OCD retains jurisdiction of this matter and reserves the right to modify or revoke this Order as it deems necessary.

DATE: 4/30/2025

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# State of New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

# Exhibit A

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**Operator: Matador Production Company (228937)** 

Central Tank Battery: Dr. Ireland Tank Battery

Central Tank Battery Location: UL B, Section 21, Township 23 South, Range 28 East

**Gas Title Transfer Meter Location:** 

# **Pools**

Pool Name Pool Code
CULEBRA BLUFF;BONE SPRING, SOUTH
PURPLE SAGE;WOLFCAMP (GAS) 98220

# Leases as defined in 19.15.12.7(C) NMAC

Lease UL or Q/Q S-T-R
SLO Lease V0-3346-0001 E/2 16-23S-28E

Wells					
Well API	Well Name	UL or Q/Q	S-T-R	Pool	
30-015-55324	DR IRELAND STATE 16 #119H	E/2	16-23S-28E	15011	
30-015-55325	DR IRELAND STATE 16 #129H	E/2	16-23S-28E	15011	
30-015-55326	DR IRELAND STATE 16 #139H	E/2	16-23S-28E	15011	
30-015-55327	DR IRELAND STATE 16 #229H	E/2	16-23S-28E	98220	
30-015-55328	DR IRELAND STATE 16 #209H	E/2	16-23S-28E	98220	

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CONDITIONS

Action 457270

#### **CONDITIONS**

Operator:	OGRID:
MATADOR PRODUCTION COMPANY	228937
One Lincoln Centre	Action Number:
Dallas, TX 75240	457270
	Action Type:
	[IM-SD] Admin Order Support Doc (ENG) (IM-AAO)

#### CONDITIONS

Created By		Condition Date
sarah.clelland	Please review the content of the order to ensure you are familiar with the authorities granted and any conditions of approval. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me.	4/30/2025