

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

**APPLICATION OF MARATHON
OIL PERMIAN LLC FOR COMPULSORY
POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

CASE NO. _____

APPLICATION

Marathon Oil Permian LLC (“Marathon”), OGRID Number 372098, through its undersigned attorneys, hereby makes an application to the Oil Conservation Division pursuant to the provisions of NMSA (1978), Section 70-2-17, for an order pooling all uncommitted mineral interests within a Wolfcamp horizontal spacing unit underlying Sections 17 and 20, Township 26 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico. In support of this application, Marathon states as follows:

1. Marathon is an interest owner in the subject lands and has a right to drill a well thereon.
2. Marathon seeks to dedicate Sections 17 and 20, Township 26 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico to form a 1280-acre, more or less, spacing unit.
3. Marathon plans to drill the Blue Ridge 20 WB Fed Com 16H; Blue Ridge 20 WA Fed Com 17H; Blue Ridge 20 WB Fed Com 21H; Blue Ridge 20 WA Fed Com 22H; Blue Ridge 20 WB Fed Com 24H; Blue Ridge 20 WA Fed Com 25H; Blue Ridge 20 WB Fed Com 29H; Blue Ridge 20 WA Fed Com 30H; Blue Ridge 20 WD Fed Com 18H; Blue Ridge 20 WD Fed Com

23H; Blue Ridge 20 WD Fed Com 26H; Blue Ridge 20 WD Fed Com 31H wells to a depth sufficient to test the Wolfcamp formation. These wells will be horizontally drilled.

4. These wells will be located within the Purple Sage Wolfcamp Gas Pool, which is subject to special pool rules that establish 330 foot setback requirements.

5. These wells will comply with the Division's setback requirements for this pool.

6. The completed interval for the Blue Ridge 20 WB Fed Com 16H well is less than 330 feet from the adjoining tracts and the Division's rules allow for the inclusion of proximity tracts within the proposed spacing unit for the wells.

7. Marathon sought, but has been unable to obtain, a voluntary agreement from all interest owners in the Wolfcamp formation underlying the proposed spacing unit to participate in the drilling of the wells or to otherwise commit their interests to the wells.

8. The pooling of all interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying the proposed unit will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

9. Marathon further requests that it be allowed one (1) year between the time the wells are drilled and completion of the first well under the order issued by the Division.

WHEREFORE, Marathon requests this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on March 5, 2020, and after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter its order:

A. Pooling all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying a horizontal spacing unit within Sections 17 and 20, Township 26 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico;

B. Designating Marathon as operator of this unit and the wells to be drilled thereon;

C. Authorizing Marathon to recover its costs of drilling, equipping and completing these wells;

D. Approving actual operating charges and costs charged for supervision, together with a provision adjusting the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedure;

E. Setting a 200% charge for the risk involved in drilling and completing the wells in the event a working interest owner elects not to participate in the wells.

F. Allowing a time period of one (1) year between when the wells are drilled and when the first well is completed under the order.

Respectfully submitted,

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CASE NO. _____: Application of Marathon Oil Permian LLC for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order from the Division pooling all uncommitted mineral interests within a Wolfcamp horizontal spacing unit underlying Sections 17 and 20, Township 26 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico. This spacing unit will be dedicated to the Blue Ridge 20 WB Fed Com 16H; Blue Ridge 20 WA Fed Com 17H; Blue Ridge 20 WB Fed Com 21H; Blue Ridge 20 WA Fed Com 22H; Blue Ridge 20 WB Fed Com 24H; Blue Ridge 20 WA Fed Com 25H; Blue Ridge 20 WB Fed Com 29H; Blue Ridge 20 WA Fed Com 30H; Blue Ridge 20 WD Fed Com 18H; Blue Ridge 20 WD Fed Com 23H; Blue Ridge 20 WD Fed Com 26H; Blue Ridge 20 WD Fed Com 31H wells, to be horizontally drilled. The producing area for these wells will be orthodox. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said wells, the allocation of these costs as well as the actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of Marathon as operator of the wells, and a 200% charge for risk involved in drilling said wells, and allowing a one year period between when the wells are drilled and when the first well is completed. Said area is located approximately 12.6 miles southeast of Malaga, New Mexico.