

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

**APPLICATION OF CATENA RESOURCES
OPERATING, LLC FOR COMPULSORY
POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

CASE NO. _____

APPLICATION

Catena Resources Operating, LLC (“Applicant”) (OGRID No. 328449), through its undersigned attorneys, hereby files this application with the Oil Conservation Division pursuant to the provisions of NMSA 1978, § 70-2-17, for 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 18 South, Range 35 East, Lea County, New Mexico. In support Applicant states:

1. Applicant is a working interest owner in the proposed horizontal spacing unit and has the right to drill thereon.
2. Applicant seeks to initially dedicate the above-referenced spacing unit to the proposed **Ball 183529 2H Well** to be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the NW/4 NE/4 (Unit B) of Section 32 to a bottom hole location in the NE/4 NE/4 (Unit A) of Section 20.
3. The completed interval for the proposed well will remain within 330 feet of the W/2 E/2 of Sections 20 and 29 to allow inclusion of this offsetting acreage in a standard horizontal well spacing unit.
4. Applicant has sought and been unable to obtain voluntary agreement for the development of these lands from all 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 horizontal spacing unit should be pooled, and Applicant should be designated the operator of the proposed well and horizontal spacing unit.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on July 23, 2020, and, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order:

- A. Pooling all uncommitted interests in the horizontal spacing unit and approving the initial well thereon;
- B. Designating Applicant as operator of the horizontal spacing unit and the horizontal wells 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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