

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

**APPLICATION OF MARATHON OIL PERMIAN LLC
TO AMEND ORDER NO. R-20331,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

**CASE NO. _____
ORDER NO. R-20331
(Re-Open)**

APPLICATION

Marathon Oil Permian LLC (“Marathon”), OGRID Number 372098, through its undersigned attorneys, files this application with the Oil Conservation Division (“Division”) for the limited purpose of amending Order No. R-20331 (the “Order”) to allow for an extension of time for commencement of completion operations under the Order. In support of this application, Marathon states as follows:

1. Marathon has an interest in the subject lands and has a right to drill and operate a well thereon.
2. The Division entered Order No. R-20331 in Case No. 20060 on January 29, 2019.
3. Order No. R-20331 pooled uncommitted interest owners in a 640-acre, more or less, Wolfcamp horizontal spacing unit comprised of the W/2 of Section 1, Township 26 South, Range 34 East and the W/2 of Section 36, Township 25 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico (the “Unit”).
4. Order No. R-20331 designated Marathon as the operator of three wells and the Unit under the Order: the Mammoth Federal Com 26 34 1 WXY Well No. 7H, the Mammoth Federal Com 26 34 1 WA Well No. 2H; and the Mammoth Federal Com 26 34 1 WA Well No. 11H (the “Wells”).

5. Marathon timely commenced drilling the Wells.
6. Paragraph 9 of the Order requires Marathon to commence completion operations within one year after commencement of drilling operations, unless the operator obtains a written extension of time from the Division.
7. On September 17, 2020, Marathon submitted a written request to Division requesting a one-year extension of time to commence completion operations, to October 10, 2021.
8. The Division granted Marathon an extension of time to commence completion operations, until October 10, 2021.
9. Marathon now requests that Order No. R-20331 be re-opened and amended to allow Marathon additional time to commence completion operations under the Order.
10. Good cause exists for Marathon's request for an extension of time.
11. As Marathon indicated in its September 17, 2020 letter, at that time there had been changes in Marathon's drilling schedule due to COVID-19 and the then-existing current market conditions.
12. Marathon's operations and drilling activity continue to be impacted by COVID-19 and market conditions.
13. It is Marathon's intent to develop the acreage in this Unit and to complete the Wells thereon.
14. Marathon asks that the deadline to commence completion operations be extended from October 10, 2021 to October 10, 2022.

15. Paragraph 10 of the Order requires Marathon to provide notice of any request for an extension of time to commence completion operations to “each pooled working interest owner who has elected to participate in the drilling of any well that is the subject of the request.”

16. Marathon will provide notice as required by the Order.

WHEREFORE, Marathon requests this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on October 7, 2021, and after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division:

A. Amend Order No. R-20331 to extend the time for Marathon to commence completion operations under the Order, through October 10, 2022.

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CASE NO. _____: (Re-Open) Application of Marathon Oil Permian LLC to Amend Order No. R-20331, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order from the Division for the limited purposes of amending Order No. R-20331 to allow for an extension of time to commence completion operations of the wells under the order. Order No. R-20331 pooled uncommitted interest owners in a 640-acre, more or less, Wolfcamp horizontal spacing unit comprised of the W/2 of Section 1, Township 26 South, Range 34 East and the W/2 of Section 36, Township 25 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. Said area is located approximately 14 miles west south west of Jal, New Mexico.