

**BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
EXAMINER HEARING NOVEMBER 4, 2021**

**CASE NO. 22283**

*MARINER 193507 1H WELL*

**LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**



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

**APPLICATION OF CATENA RESOURCES  
OPERATING, LLC TO AMEND ORDER  
NO. R-21492, LEA COUNTY, NEW  
MEXICO.**

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APPLICATION

Catena Resources Operating, LLC (“Applicant” or “Catena”) (OGRID No. 328449), through its undersigned attorneys, hereby files this application with the Oil Conservation Division, to amend Order No. R-21492 (“Order”) to allow for an extension of time for drilling the proposed initial well under the Order. In support of its application, Catena states:

1. Division Order No. R-21492, entered on October 13, 2020, in Case No. 21459, created a standard 640-acre, more or less, horizontal spacing unit in the Wolfcamp formation comprised of the E/2 of Sections 6 and 7, Township 19 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico (the “Unit”), and designated Catena as operator of the Unit.

2. Order No. R-21492 further pooled the uncommitted interests in the Wolfcamp formation (Scharb; Wolfcamp pool [55640]) in the Unit and dedicated the Unit to the proposed initial **Mariner 193507 1H well** to be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the NE/4 NE/4 (Unit A) of Section 18 to a bottom hole location in the NE/4 NE/4 (Unit A) of Section 6.

3. Applicant requests that Order No. R-21492 be re-opened and amended to allow Applicant additional time to commence drilling the well under the Order.

4. There is good cause for Applicant’s request for an extension of time to drill due to the change in ownership and management of Catena during 2020. Additionally, the decline in commodity prices in 2020 caused by the global COVID pandemic and other economic factors led

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to Catena reducing its rig count, thereby causing Catena to delay its intended plans to develop the acreage subject to the Order.

5. Under the Order, Applicant would be required to commence drilling the well by October 13, 2021, and therefore, asks for the deadline to commence drilling the well be extended for a year, to **October 13, 2022**.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on November 4, 2021, and, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order extending the time for Catena to commence drilling the proposed initial well under the Order.

Respectfully submitted,

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**AFFIDAVIT OF CATO CLARK**

Cato Clark, of lawful age and being first duly sworn, declares as follows:

1. My name is Cato Clark. I am a landman for Catena Resources Operating, LLC (“Catena”).
2. I have previously testified before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division as an expert witness in petroleum land matters. My credentials as a petroleum land manager have been accepted by the Division and made a matter of record.
3. I am familiar with the application filed by Catena in this case, and I am familiar with the status of the lands in the subject area.
4. None of the pooled parties has indicated opposition to this extension application, and therefore I do not expect any opposition at the hearing
5. Division Order No. R-21492, entered on October 13, 2020, in Case No. 21459, created a standard 640-acre, more or less, horizontal spacing unit in the Wolfcamp formation comprised of the E/2 of Sections 6 and 7, Township 19 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico (the “Unit”), and designated Catena as operator of the Unit.
6. Order No. R-21492 further pooled the uncommitted interests in the Wolfcamp formation (Scharb; Wolfcamp pool [55640]) in the Unit and dedicated the Unit to the proposed

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initial **Mariner 193507 #1H well** to be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the NE/4 NE/4 (Unit A) of Section 18 to a bottom hole location in the NE/4 NE/4 (Unit A) of Section 6.

7. Catena's change in management, as well as the decline in commodity prices in 2020 caused by the global COVID-19 pandemic and other economic factors, led Catena to delay its intended plans to develop the acreage subject to the Order.

8. The Order required drilling to commence within a year, by October 13, 2021.

9. Catena has not yet commenced drilling the well as required by Order No. R-21492 but anticipates drilling within the next year.

10. Catena therefore requests that the deadline to commence drilling under the pooling order be extended for a year, to **October 13, 2022**.

11. Catena provided our outside counsel, Holland and Hart, with a list of the working interest owners that remain subject to each pooling order and instructed them to provide notice of this hearing to these pooled working interest owners.

12. None of the working interest owners that remain subject to these pooling orders have been asked at this time to make an election on the applicable well, or to pay their estimated share of the costs to drill, complete and equip the applicable well.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

  
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CATO CLARK

STATE OF TEXAS                    )  
  )  
COUNTY OF Harris                )

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this 27 day of October 2021 by  
Cato Clark.

  
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NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:  
6-21-25







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October 15, 2021

**VIA CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**CERTIFIED RECEIPT REQUESTED**

**TO: ALL INTEREST OWNERS SUBJECT TO POOLING PROCEEDINGS**

**Re: Application of Catena Resources Operating, LLC to Amend Order No. R-21492, Lea County, New Mexico.  
Mariner 193507 1H well**

Ladies & Gentlemen:

This letter is to advise you that Catena Resources Operating, LLC, has filed the enclosed application with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division.

**During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, state buildings are closed to the public and hearings will be conducted remotely. The hearing will be conducted on November 4, 2021, beginning at 8:15 a.m. To participate in the electronic hearing, see the instructions posted on the OCD Hearings website: <https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/ocd/hearing-info/>.**

You are not required to attend this hearing, but as an owner of an interest that may be affected by this application, you may appear and present testimony. Failure to appear at that time and become a party of record will preclude you from challenging the matter at a later date. Parties appearing in cases are required by Division Rule 19.15.4.13.B to file a Pre-hearing Statement four business days in advance of a scheduled hearing. This statement must be filed either online or in person at the Division's Santa Fe office and should include: the names of the parties and their attorneys; a concise statement of the case; the names of all witnesses the party will call to testify at the hearing; the approximate time the party will need to present its case; and identification of any procedural matters that are to be resolved prior to the hearing.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact Cato Clark at (346) 200-7894 or at [cclark@catenaresources.com](mailto:cclark@catenaresources.com).

Sincerely,

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TrackingNo	ToName	DeliveryAddress	City	State	Zip	USPS_Status
9414811898765850503576	COG Operating	600 W Illinois Ave	Midland	TX	79701-4882	Your package will arrive later than expected, but is still on its way. It is currently in transit to the next facility.
9414811898765850504238	Prospector LLC	PO Box 429	Roswell	NM	88202-0429	Your item was picked up at the post office at 8:40 am on October 19, 2021 in ROSWELL, NM 88201.
9414811898765850504818	Big Three Energy Group LLC	PO Box 429	Roswell	NM	88202-0429	Your item was picked up at the post office at 8:40 am on October 19, 2021 in ROSWELL, NM 88201.
9414811898765850504856	Robert C Hooper	PO Box 773	Roswell	NM	88202-0773	Your item was returned to the sender on October 22, 2021 at 9:38 am in ROSWELL, NM 88201 because the addressee was not known at the delivery address noted on the package.
9414811898765850504863	Roy G Barton	1919 N Turner St	Hobbs	NM	88240-2712	Your item was delivered to an individual at the address at 12:23 pm on October 18, 2021 in HOBBS, NM 88240.
9414811898765850504825	Marathon Oil Company	PO Box 2069	Houston	TX	77252-2069	Your item was picked up at a postal facility at 6:18 am on October 23, 2021 in HOUSTON, TX 77002.
9414811898765850504801	James I. Riddle	4247 Goodfellow Dr	Dallas	TX	75229-2815	Your item arrived at our COPPELL TX DISTRIBUTION CENTER destination facility on October 28, 2021 at 7:26 am. The item is currently in transit to the destination.
9414811898765850504849	Donaldson Brown Trusts c/o Paul J. Haviland	PO Box 1183	Abingdon	MD	21009-6183	Your item was returned to the sender on October 27, 2021 at 4:00 pm in SANTA FE, NM 87501 because the addressee moved and left no forwarding address.
9414811898765850504887	Gabler Investments	1223 N 15th St	Wolfforth	TX	79382-3314	Your package will arrive later than expected, but is still on its way. It is currently in transit to the next facility.
9414811898765850504832	Merit Energy Partners IV, LP	13727 Noel Rd Ste 1200	Dallas	TX	75240-7362	Your item was delivered to the front desk, reception area, or mail room at 1:40 pm on October 18, 2021 in DALLAS, TX 75240.
9414811898765850504870	Merit Energy Partners VIII, LP	13727 Noel Rd Ste 1200	Dallas	TX	75240-7362	Your item was delivered to the front desk, reception area, or mail room at 1:40 pm on October 18, 2021 in DALLAS, TX 75240.
9414811898765850504214	Marathon Oil Permian LLC	PO Box 2069	Houston	TX	77252-2069	Your item was picked up at a postal facility at 6:18 am on October 23, 2021 in HOUSTON, TX 77002.
9414811898765850504757	Merit Energy Partners X, LP	13727 Noel Rd Ste 1200	Dallas	TX	75240-7362	Your item was delivered to the front desk, reception area, or mail room at 1:40 pm on October 18, 2021 in DALLAS, TX 75240.
9414811898765850504726	Merit Energy PartnersE-II, LP	13727 Noel Rd Ste 1200	Dallas	TX	75240-7362	Your item was delivered to the front desk, reception area, or mail room at 1:40 pm on October 18, 2021 in DALLAS, TX 75240.
9414811898765850504795	Merit Energy Partners F-11 LP	13727 Noel Rd Ste 1200	Dallas	TX	75240-7362	Your item was delivered to the front desk, reception area, or mail room at 11:29 am on October 19, 2021 in DALLAS, TX 75240.
9414811898765850504788	Merit Energy Partners G, LP	13727 Noel Rd Ste 1200	Dallas	TX	75240-7362	Your item was delivered to the front desk, reception area, or mail room at 1:40 pm on October 18, 2021 in DALLAS, TX 75240.
9414811898765850504771	Merit Energy Partners G, LP	13727 Noel Rd Ste 1200	Dallas	TX	75240-7362	Your item was delivered to the front desk, reception area, or mail room at 1:40 pm on October 18, 2021 in DALLAS, TX 75240.
9414811898765850504917	Curtis W. Mewbourne	PO Box Ox 7698	Tyler	TX	75711	Your item was picked up at the post office at 9:03 am on October 26, 2021 in TYLER, TX 75701.
9414811898765850504955	Fort Worth Mineral Co	500 Main St Ste 100	Fort Worth	TX	76102-3938	Your item was delivered to the front desk, reception area, or mail room at 4:22 pm on October 18, 2021 in FORT WORTH, TX 76102.
9414811898765850504252	Oxy USA Inc.	PO Box 4294	Houston	TX	77210-4294	Your item was picked up at a postal facility at 4:23 am on October 21, 2021 in HOUSTON, TX 77202.
9414811898765850504269	Mewbourne Oil Company	500 W Texas Ave Ste 1020	Midland	TX	79701-4279	Your item was delivered to an individual at the address at 2:11 pm on October 18, 2021 in MIDLAND, TX 79701.
9414811898765850504221	Read & Stevens, Inc,	PO Box 1518	Roswell	NM	88202-1518	Your item was picked up at the post office at 9:35 am on October 19, 2021 in ROSWELL, NM 88201.
9414811898765850504207	Featherstone	PO Box 429	Roswell	NM	88202-0429	Your item was picked up at the post office at 8:40 am on October 19, 2021 in ROSWELL, NM 88201.

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9414811898765850504290	Resonance Resources Energy	9337B Katy Fwy Ste 315	Houston	TX	77024-1515	Your item was returned to the sender on October 19, 2021 at 1:55 pm in HOUSTON, TX 77024 because the addressee was not known at the delivery address noted on the package.
9414811898765850504245	Brian C. Reid & wife, Katherine	2502 Camarie Ave	Midland	TX	79705-6309	Your item has been delivered to an agent for final delivery in MIDLAND, TX 79705 on October 18, 2021 at 2:02 pm.
9414811898765850504283	Ross Duncan Properties LLC	PO Box 647	Artesia	NM	88211-0647	Your item was picked up at the post office at 1:28 pm on October 19, 2021 in ARTESIA, NM 88210.

# Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF LEA

I, Daniel Russell, Publisher of the Hobbs News-Sun, a newspaper published at Hobbs, New Mexico, solemnly swear that the clipping attached hereto was published in the regular and entire issue of said newspaper, and not a supplement thereof for a period of 1 issue(s).

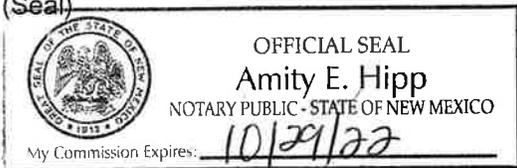
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### LEGAL NOTICE October 21, 2021

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

The State of New Mexico, Energy Minerals and Natural Resources Department, Oil Conservation Division ("Division") hereby gives notice that the Division will hold public hearings before a hearing examiner on the following case. During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, state buildings are closed to the public and Division hearings will be conducted remotely. The public hearing for the following case will be electronic and conducted remotely. The hearing will be conducted on **Thursday, November 4, 2021, beginning at 8:15 a.m.** To participate in the electronic hearing, see the instructions posted below. The docket may be viewed at <https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/ocd/hearing-info/> or obtained from Marlene Salvidrez, at [Marlene.Salvidrez@state.nm.us](mailto:Marlene.Salvidrez@state.nm.us). Documents filed in the case may be viewed at <http://ocdimage.emnrd.state.nm.us/imaging/CaseFileCriteria.aspx>. If you are an individual with a disability who needs a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in a hearing, contact Marlene Salvidrez at [Marlene.Salvidrez@state.nm.us](mailto:Marlene.Salvidrez@state.nm.us), or the New Mexico Relay Network at 1-800-659-1779, no later than **October 24, 2021**.

Persons may view and participate in the hearings through the following link:

<https://nmemnrd.webex.com/nmemnrd/onstage/g.php?MTID=e12bd776b32e14edf7deee3425ea99347>  
Event number: 2497 665 1056  
Event password: JYvf8wjp55w

Join by video: [24976651056@nmemnrd.webex.com](mailto:24976651056@nmemnrd.webex.com)  
Numeric Password: 256526  
You can also dial 173.243.2.68 and enter your meeting number

Join by audio: 1-844-992-4726 United States Toll Free  
Access code: 2497 665 1056

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO:**  
All named parties and persons  
having any right, title, interest  
or claim in the following case  
and notice to the public.

(NOTE: All land descriptions herein refer to the New Mexico Principal Meridian whether or not so stated.)

To: All pooled working interest owners, including: COG Operating LLC; Marathon Oil Permian LLC; Oxy USA Inc.; Mewbourne Oil Company; Read & Stevens, Inc; Featherstone; Resonance Resources Energy; Brian C. Reid & wife, Katherine; their heirs and devisees; Ross Duncan Properties LLC; Prospector LLC; Big Three Energy Group LLC; Robert C Hooper, his heirs and devisees; Roy G Barton, his heirs and devisees; Marathon Oil Company; James I. Riddle, his heirs and devisees; Donaldson Brown Trusts c/o Paul J. Haviland; Gabler Investments; Merit Energy Partners IV, LP; Merit Energy Partners VIII, LP; Merit Energy Partners X, LP; Merit Energy Partners E-II, LP; Merit Energy Partners F-11 LP; Merit Energy Partners G, LP; Curtis W. Mewbourne; and Fort Worth Mineral Co.

Case No. 22283: Application of Catena Resources Operating, LLC to Amend Order No. R-21492, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks a year extension of time for drilling the well under Order No. R-21492. The Unit is comprised of the Wolfcamp formation underlying a standard 640-acre, more or less, horizontal spacing unit in the Wolfcamp formation comprised of the E/2 of Sections 6 and 7, Township 19 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. Order No. R-21492 dedicated the Unit to the initial **Mariner 193507 1H well** to be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the NE/4 NE/4 (Unit A) of Section 18 to a bottom hole location in the NE/4 NE/4 (Unit A) of Section 6. Said area is located approximately 20 miles west of Hobbs, New Mexico. #36949

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