

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

**APPLICATION OF RIDGE RUNNER
RESOURCES OPERATING, LLC FOR
EXTENSION TO COMMENCE DRILLING
OPERATIONS, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

**CASE NO. 23279
ORDER NO. R-21587-A**

PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

Ridge Runner Resources Operating, LLC (“Ridge Runner” or “Applicant”) submits its Pre-Hearing Statement pursuant to the rules of the Oil Conservation Division.

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STATEMENT OF THE CASE

Ridge Runner seeks an order amending Order No. R-21587-A to extend the deadline to commence drilling operations to one-year from the date of the amended order. Order No. R-21587 pooled all uncommitted interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying a standard 480-acre horizontal spacing unit comprised of the SW/4 of Section 3 and the W/2 of Section 10, Township 20 South, Range 35 East in Lea County, New Mexico (“Unit”); dedicated the unit to the Thunderbird 3-10 Fed Com W #1H and 2H wells (“Wells”); and designated Applicant as operator of the Unit and Wells. Order No. R-21586-A (“Order”) extended the deadline to commence drilling the Wells until January 21, 2023. Applicant has experienced delays associated with the issuance of drilling permits, the supply chain, and rig availability, and will continue to be impacted by delays resulting from the location of the wells in relation to Lesser Prairie Chicken habitat. Accordingly, Applicant requests the Division amend the Order to extend the deadline to commence drilling operations to one-year from the date of the amended order.

The Wells are located approximately 13 miles west of Monument, New Mexico.

PROPOSED EVIDENCE

<u>Witness</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Estimated Time</u>	<u>Exhibits</u>
Michael Burke	Geologist	Affidavit	Approx. 5

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

XTO Energy, Inc. (“XTO”) submitted an objection to this matter proceeding by affidavit. If XTO’s objection is resolved by the hearing date, Applicant will present this matter by affidavit.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served on the following counsel of record by electronic mail this 26th day of January, 2023.

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Testimony	
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