BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

APPLICATION OF MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY TO AMEND ORDER NO. R-22270, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

Case	No.	

APPLICATION

Mewbourne Oil Company applies for an order amending Order No. R-22270 to extend the well commencement deadline, and in support thereof states:

- 1. Order No. R-22270, entered in Case No. 22842, pooled uncommitted mineral interest owners in the Bone Spring formation underlying a horizontal spacing unit comprised of the S/2N/2 of Section 25 and the S/2NE/4 of Section 26, Township 18 South, Range 31 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico for the purpose of drilling the Deep Ellum 25/26 Fed. Com. Well No. 513H (f/k/a the Deep Ellum 25/26 B2HG Fed. Com. Well No. 1H).
- 2. Case No. 23545, heard on June 1, 2023, re-opened Case No. 22842 to (a) pool additional parties, and (b) add the Deep Ellum 25/26 Fed. Com. Well No. 613H to the wells covered by the pooling order.
 - 3. Order No. R-22270 designates Applicant as operator of the well unit.
- 4. Order No. R-22270 was entered on September 2, 2022. Paragraph 19 of Order No. R-22270 requires the operator to commence wells within one year of the date of issuance. Paragraph 20 of Order No. R-22270 provides that the order will terminate if wells are not timely commenced, unless the operator "obtains an extension by amending this Order for good cause shown."

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- 5. Applicant plans on drilling the wells, but would like an extension to allow an order to be issued in Case No. 23545 (as well as in related Case Nos. 23544, 23456, and 23547), and allow well elections to be made.
- 6. Also, there are few horizontal Bone Spring wells in this area, and applicant would like additional time in order to collect and evaluate more data from wells in the area. Applicant will apply what it learns to increase productivity and prevent economic waste. Thus good cause exists for Applicant's request for an extension.
- 7. Applicant requests an extension of the well commencement deadline of Order No. R-22270 to September 2, 2024.

WHEREFORE, applicant requests that, after notice and hearing, the Division enter its order amending Order No. R-22270 to extend the well commencement deadline to September 2, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

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