#### **CASE NO. 24045**

# APPLICATION OF CIMAREX ENERGY CO. TO AMEND ORDER FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

#### **EXHIBITS**

- Landman's Affidavit
   1-A: Order No. R-22468
- 2. Affidavit of Mailing2-A: Notice Letter
- 3. Certified Notice Spreadsheet
- 4. Publication Affidavit
- 5. Application and Proposed Notice

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

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# SELF-AFFIRMED STATEMENT OF PAT GRAY

Pat Gray deposes and states:

- 1. I am a landman for Cimarex Energy Co. ("Cimarex"), and have personal knowledge of the matters stated herein. I have been qualified by the Division as an expert petroleum landman.
- 2. I am familiar with the application filed by Cimarex in the above case. Pursuant to Division rules the following information is submitted in support of the application.
- 3. In this case Cimarex seeks an order amending Order No. R-22468 to extend the well commencement deadline one year.
- 4. Order No. R-22468 (submitted as Attachment A) pooled mineral interest owners in the Bone Spring formation underlying a horizontal spacing unit comprised of the W/2W/2 of Section 29 and the W/2W/2 of Section 32, Township 25 South, Range 27 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico, for the purpose of drilling the Southern Hills 32-29 State Fed. Com. Well No. 1H. Order No. R-22468 designates Cimarex as operator of the well.
- 5. This matter was heard on October 6, 2022, and Order No. R-22468 was entered on December 23, 2022. Paragraph 20 of Order No. R-22468 requires the operator to commence the wells within one year of the date of issuance. Paragraph 21 of Order No. R-22468 provides that the order will terminate if the well is not timely commenced, unless the operator "obtains an extension by amending this Order for good cause shown."

EXHIBIT

- 6. Cimarex plans on drilling the subject well, with an anticipated spud date of April 2024, but would like an extension of the well commencement deadline for the following reasons:

  (a) the Bureau of Land Management has been slow in approving APDs; (b) the above well, together with a number of other Bone Spring and Wolfcamp wells in this area, were the subject of numerous contested pooling cases filed by Cimarex and Chevron U.S.A. Inc. These cases were the subject of extensive settlement negotiations (ultimately successful) between the parties, which delayed the drilling of the well; and (c) other (uncontested) pooling cases of Cimarex were presented at the November 2, 2023 hearing for wells immediately north of the subject well. Applicant would like all of these wells to be batch-drilled at the same time in order to reduce costs. Thus good cause exists for Cimarex's request for an extension.
- 7. Cimarex requests an extension of the well commencement deadline of Order No. R-22468 to December 23, 2024.
- 8. I submitted the names and current or last known addresses of the pooled, uncommitted mineral interest owners to Cimarex's attorney. No opposition is expected because the interest owners have been notified of the request to amend the subject order, and have not objected.
  - 9. Cimarex is in good standing under the Division's Rules.
  - 10. Granting this application will prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

I understand that this Self-Affirmed Statement will be used as written testimony in this case. I affirm that my testimony in paragraphs 1 through 10 above is true and correct and is made under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of New Mexico. My testimony is made as of the date handwritten next to my signature below.

Date: 12 4 2023

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

## IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION FOR COMPULSORY POOLING SUBMITTED BY CIMAREX ENERGY COMPANY

CASE NO. 22897 & 23084 ORDER NO. R-22468

#### **ORDER**

The Director of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("OCD"), having heard this matter through a Hearing Examiner on October 6, 2022, and after considering the testimony, evidence, and recommendation of the Hearing Examiner, issues the following Order.

#### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. Cimarex Energy Company ("Operator") submitted an application ("Application") to compulsory pool the uncommitted oil and gas interests within the spacing unit ("Unit") described in Exhibit A. The Unit is expected to be a standard horizontal spacing unit. 19.15.16.15(B) NMAC. Operator seeks to be designated the operator of the Unit.
- 2. Operator proposed a subsequent well in an existing spacing unit and provided evidence that notice was given under 19.15.16.15(B)(9) NMAC.
- 3. Operator will dedicate the well(s) described in Exhibit A ("Well(s)") to the Unit.
- 4. Operator proposes the supervision and risk charges for the Well(s) described in Exhibit A.
- 5. Operator identified the owners of uncommitted interests in oil and gas minerals in the Unit and provided evidence that notice was given.
- 6. The Application was heard by the Hearing Examiner on the date specified above, during which Operator presented evidence through affidavits in support of the Application. No other party presented evidence at the hearing.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 7. OCD has jurisdiction to issue this Order pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 70-2-17.
- 8. Operator is the owner of an oil and gas working interest within the Unit.
- 9. Operator satisfied the notice requirements for the Application and the hearing as required by 19.15.4.12 NMAC.

ATTACHMENT



- 10. OCD satisfied the notice requirements for the hearing as required by 19.15.4.9 NMAC.
- 11. Operator has the right to drill the Well(s) to a common source of supply at the depth(s) and location(s) in the Unit described in Exhibit A.
- 12. The Unit contains separately owned uncommitted interests in oil and gas minerals.
- 13. Some of the owners of the uncommitted interests have not agreed to commit their interests to the Unit.
- 14. The pooling of uncommitted interests in the Unit will prevent waste and protect correlative rights, including the drilling of unnecessary wells.
- 15. This Order affords to the owner of an uncommitted interest the opportunity to produce his just and equitable share of the oil or gas in the pool.

#### **ORDER**

- 16. The uncommitted interests in the Unit are pooled as set forth in Exhibit A.
- 17. The Unit shall be dedicated to the Well(s) set forth in Exhibit A.
- 18. Operator is designated as operator of the Unit and the Well(s).
- 19. If the location of a well will be unorthodox under the spacing rules in effect at the time of completion, Operator shall obtain the OCD's approval for a non-standard location in accordance with 19.15.16.15(C) NMAC.
- 20. The Operator shall commence drilling the Well(s) within one year after the date of this Order, and complete each Well no later than one (1) year after the commencement of drilling the Well.
- 21. This Order shall terminate automatically if Operator fails to comply with Paragraph 20 unless Operator obtains an extension by amending this Order for good cause shown.
- 22. The infill well requirements in 19.15.13.9 NMAC through 19.15.13.12 NMAC shall be applicable.
- 23. Operator shall submit each owner of an uncommitted working interest in the pool ("Pooled Working Interest") an itemized schedule of estimated costs to drill, complete, and equip the well ("Estimated Well Costs").
- 24. No later than thirty (30) days after Operator submits the Estimated Well Costs, the owner of a Pooled Working Interest shall elect whether to pay its share of the Estimated Well Costs or its share of the actual costs to drill, complete and equip the

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well ("Actual Well Costs") out of production from the well. An owner of a Pooled Working Interest who elects to pay its share of the Estimated Well Costs shall render payment to Operator no later than thirty (30) days after the expiration of the election period, and shall be liable for operating costs, but not risk charges, for the well. An owner of a Pooled Working Interest who fails to pay its share of the Estimated Well Costs or who elects to pay its share of the Actual Well Costs out of production from the well shall be considered to be a "Non-Consenting Pooled Working Interest."

- 25. No later than one hundred eighty (180) days after Operator submits a Form C-105 for a well, Operator shall submit to each owner of a Pooled Working Interest an itemized schedule of the Actual Well Costs. The Actual Well Costs shall be considered to be the Reasonable Well Costs unless an owner of a Pooled Working Interest files a written objection no later than forty-five (45) days after receipt of the schedule. If an owner of a Pooled Working Interest files a timely written objection, OCD shall determine the Reasonable Well Costs after public notice and hearing.
- 26. No later than sixty (60) days after the expiration of the period to file a written objection to the Actual Well Costs or OCD's order determining the Reasonable Well Costs, whichever is later, each owner of a Pooled Working Interest who paid its share of the Estimated Well Costs shall pay to Operator its share of the Reasonable Well Costs that exceed the Estimated Well Costs, or Operator shall pay to each owner of a Pooled Working Interest who paid its share of the Estimated Well Costs its share of the Estimated Well Costs that exceed the Reasonable Well Costs.
- 27. The reasonable charges for supervision to drill and produce a well ("Supervision Charges") shall not exceed the rates specified in Exhibit A, provided however that the rates shall be adjusted annually pursuant to the COPAS form entitled "Accounting Procedure-Joint Operations."
- 28. No later than within ninety (90) days after Operator submits a Form C-105 for a well, Operator shall submit to each owner of a Pooled Working Interest an itemized schedule of the reasonable charges for operating and maintaining the well ("Operating Charges"), provided however that Operating Charges shall not include the Reasonable Well Costs or Supervision Charges. The Operating Charges shall be considered final unless an owner of a Pooled Working Interest files a written objection no later than forty-five (45) days after receipt of the schedule. If an owner of a Pooled Working Interest files a timely written objection, OCD shall determine the Operating Charges after public notice and hearing.
- 29. Operator may withhold the following costs and charges from the share of production due to each owner of a Pooled Working Interest who paid its share of the Estimated Well Costs: (a) the proportionate share of the Supervision Charges; and (b) the proportionate share of the Operating Charges.

- 30. Operator may withhold the following costs and charges from the share of production due to each owner of a Non-Consenting Pooled Working Interest: (a) the proportionate share of the Reasonable Well Costs; (b) the proportionate share of the Supervision and Operating Charges; and (c) the percentage of the Reasonable Well Costs specified as the charge for risk described in Exhibit A.
- 31. Operator shall distribute a proportionate share of the costs and charges withheld pursuant to paragraph 29 to each Pooled Working Interest that paid its share of the Estimated Well Costs.
- Each year on the anniversary of this Order, and no later than ninety (90) days after each payout, Operator shall provide to each owner of a Non-Consenting Pooled Working Interest a schedule of the revenue attributable to a well and the Supervision and Operating Costs charged against that revenue.
- 33. Any cost or charge that is paid out of production shall be withheld only from the share due to an owner of a Pooled Working Interest. No cost or charge shall be withheld from the share due to an owner of a royalty interests. For the purpose of this Order, an unleased mineral interest shall consist of a seven-eighths (7/8) working interest and a one-eighth (1/8) royalty interest.
- Except as provided above, Operator shall hold the revenue attributable to a well that is not disbursed for any reason for the account of the person(s) entitled to the revenue as provided in the Oil and Gas Proceeds Payment Act, NMSA 1978, Sections 70-10-1 et seq., and relinquish such revenue as provided in the Uniform Unclaimed Property Act, NMSA 1978, Sections 7-8A-1 et seq.
- 35. The Unit shall terminate if (a) the owners of all Pooled Working Interests reach a voluntary agreement; or (b) the well(s) drilled on the Unit are plugged and abandoned in accordance with the applicable rules. Operator shall inform OCD no later than thirty (30) days after such occurrence.
- 36. OCD retains jurisdiction of this matter for the entry of such orders as may be deemed necessary.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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Date: 12/23/2022

#### Exhibit A

ALL INFORMATION IN THE APPLICAT	TION MUST BE SUPPORTED BY SIGNED AFFIDAVITS		
Case:	23084		
Date:	October 6, 2022		
Applicant	Cimarex Energy Co.		
Designated Operator & OGRID			
(affiliation if applicable)	Cimarex Energy Co./OGRID No.215099		
Applicant's Counsel:	James Bruce		
Case Title:	Application of Cimarex Energy Co. for Compulsory Pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico		
Entries of Appearance/Intervenors:	Chevron U.S.A. Inc./Holland & Hart LLP		
	Southern Hills wells		
Well Family	Southern Time Wells		
Formation/Pool	Day Carlon Correction		
Formation Name(s) or Vertical Extent:	Bone Spring Formation		
Primary Product (Oil or Gas): Pooling this vertical extent:	The Bone Spring formation, limited to depths below the stratigraphic equivalent of 7,745 feet subsurface, being the top of the Harkey formation as seen in the Schlumberger Platform Express Three Detecto Litho-Density Compensated Neutron Log in COG Operating LLC's Jack Federal (Pilot Hole) Well No. 1H (API No. 30-015-38643), to the base of the Bone Spring formation. The Pilot Hole is located in Lot 1 of Section 31, Township 25 South, Range 27 East, N.M.P.M.		
Pool Name and Pool Code:	Carlsbad; Bone Spring, South /Pool Code 9670		
Well Location Setback Rules:	Statewide rules and current horizontal well rules		
Spacing Unit Size:	Quarter-quarter sections/40 acres		
Spacing Unit			
Type (Horizontal/Vertical)	Horizontal		
Size (Acres)	320 acres		
Building Blocks:	40 acres		
Orientation:	South - North		
Description: TRS/County	W/2W/2 §29and W/2W/2 §32-25S-27E, NMPM, Eddy County		
Standard Horizontal Well Spacing Unit (Y/N), If No, describe	Yes		
Other Situations			
Depth Severance: Y/N. If yes, description	Revised		
Proximity Tracts: If yes, description	No EXHIBIT F		
Proximity Defining Well: if yes, description			
Applicant's Ownership in Each Tract	Exhibit A-2		
Well(s)			
Name & API (if assigned), surface and	Southern Hills 32-29 State Fed. Com. Well No. 1H		
bottom hole location, footages,	API No. 30-015-49513		
completion target, orientation,	SHL: 813 FSL & 1540 FWL §32		
completion status (standard or non-	BHL: 100 FNL & 330 FWL §29		
standard)	FTP: 100 FSL & 330 FWL §32		

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Horizontal Well First and Last Take Points	See above
Completion Target (Formation, TVD and MD)	See above
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Drilling Supervision/Month \$	\$8000
Production Supervision/Month \$	\$800
Justification for Supervision Costs	Exhibit A, page 3
Requested Risk Charge	Cost + 200%/Exhibit A, page 4
Notice of Hearing	505.2
Proposed Notice of Hearing	ExhibitC
Proof of Mailed Notice of Hearing (20	LAMBIC
	Exhibit D
days before hearing) Proof of Published Notice of Hearing (10	Exhibit D
days before hearing)	
Ownership Determination	
Land Ownership Schematic of the	
Spacing Unit	Exhibit A-2
Tract List (including lease numbers and	LATING TO SE
owners)	Exhibits A-2
Pooled Parties (including ownership	LAMBICA
type)	Exhibit A-2
Unlocatable Parties to be Pooled	Yes. See Exhibits A-2 and D
Ownership Depth Severance (including	Yes.
percentage above & below)	Cimarex Ownership: Above 7,745' (WI/NRI): 45%/36% Below Bone Spring (WI/NRI): 67.775%/55.55333%
Joinder	
Sample Copy of Proposal Letter	Exhibit A-3
List of Interest Owners (i.e. Exhibit A of	
JOA)	Exhibit A-2
Chronology of Contact with Non-Joined Working Interests	Exhibit A-4
Overhead Rates In Proposal Letter	Exhibit A-3
Cost Estimate to Drill and Complete	Exhibit A-3
Cost Estimate to Equip Well	Exhibit A-3
Cost Estimate for Production Facilities	Exhibit A
Geology	James Delication and the second second
Summary (including special	
considerations)	Exhibit B
Spacing Unit Schematic	ExhibitsA-1 and B-1
Gunbarrel/Lateral Trajectory Schematic	Exhibit B-4
Well Orientation (with rationale)	Standup/Exhibit B
Target Formation	Bone Spring
HSU Cross Section	Exhibit B-5
Depth Severance Discussion	Not Applicable

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Fracts	Exhibit A-2
Summary of Interests, Unit	
Recapitulation (Tracts)	Exhibit A-2
General Location Map (including basin)	Exhibit A-2
Well Bore Location Map	Exhibits A-1 and B-4
Structure Contour Map - Subsea Depth	Exhibit B-1
Cross Section Location Map (including	
wells)	Exhibit B-5
Cross Section (including Landing Zone)	Exhibit B-5
Additional Information	
CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the information provided in this checklist is complete and accurate.	
Printed Name (Attorney or Party Representative):	James Bruce
Signed Name (Attorney or Party Representative):	4 ages Succ
Date:	September 29, 2022

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APPLICATIONS OF CIMAREX ENERGY CO. TO AMEND ORDER FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

Case Nos. 24045 & 24046

	SELF-AFFIRMED STATEMENT OF NOTICE
COUNTY O	F SANTA FE )
STATE OF N	) ss. NEW MEXICO )
James	s Bruce deposes and states:
1.	I am over the age of 18, and have personal knowledge of the matters stated herein.
2.	I am an attorney for Mewbourne Oil Company.
3. names and co filed herein.	Mewbourne Oil Company has conducted a good faith, diligent effort to find the precet addresses of the interest owners entitled to receive notice of the applications
4. addresses, by hereto as Exh	Notice of the applications was provided to the interest owners, at their last known certified mail. Copies of the notice letter and certified return receipts are attached libit 2-A.
5.	Applicant has complied with the notice provisions of Division Rules.
case. I affirm under penalty	erstand that this Self-Affirmed Statement will be used as written testimony in this that my testimony in paragraphs 1 through 5 above is true and correct and is made of perjury under the laws of the State of New Mexico. My testimony is made as of written next to my signature below.  James Bruce
	EXHIBIT 2

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November 16, 2023

#### CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

To: Persons on Exhibit A

Ladies and gentlemen:

Enclosed are copies of two applications, filed with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division by Cimarex Energy Co., requesting the following relief:

- (a) Case No. 24045: Cimarex Energy Co. seeks an order amending Order No. R-22468, entered on December 23, 2022, to extend the well commencement deadline one year, to December 23, 2024. Order No. R-22468 pooled uncommitted mineral interest owners in the Bone Spring formation underlying a horizontal spacing unit comprised of the W/2W/2 of Section 29 and the W/2W/2 of Section 32, Township 25 South, Range 27 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico, for the purpose of drilling the Southern Hills 32-29 State Fed. Com. Well No. 1H. Order No. R-22468 requires the commencement of drilling within one year of the date of the order unless the operator obtains an extension by amending the order for good cause shown.
- (b) Case No. 24046: Cimarex Energy Co. seeks an order amending Order No. R-22469, entered on December 23, 2022, to extend the well commencement deadline one year, to December 23, 2024. Order No. R-22469 pooled uncommitted mineral interest owners in the Bone Spring formation underlying a horizontal spacing unit comprised of the E/2W/2 of Section 29 and the E/2W/2 of Section 32, Township 25 South, Range 27 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico, for the purpose of drilling the Southern Hills 32-29 State Fed. Com. Well No. 2H. Order No. R-22469 requires the commencement of drilling within one year of the date of the order unless the operator obtains an extension by amending the order for good cause shown.

These matters are scheduled for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on Thursday, December 7, 2023. During the current circumstances, state buildings are closed to the public and the hearing will be conducted remotely. To view the hearing docket and to determine how to participate in an electronic

EXHIBIT 2'A

hearing, go to <a href="https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/ocd/hearing-info/">https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/ocd/hearing-info/</a>, or contact Marlene Salvidrez at <a href="Marlene.Salvidrez@emnrd.nm.gov">Marlene.Salvidrez@emnrd.nm.gov</a>. You are not required to attend this hearing, but as an owner of an interest who may be affected by the applications, you may appear and present testimony. Failure to appear at that time and become a party of record will preclude you from contesting these matters at a later date. A party appearing in a Division case is required by Division Rules to file a Pre-Hearing Statement no later than five business days before the hearing date. This statement may be filed online with the Division at <a href="https://ocd.hearings@emnrd.nm.gov">ocd.hearings@emnrd.nm.gov</a>, and should include: The name of the party and his or her attorney; a concise statement of the case; the name(s) of the witness(es) the party will call to testify at the hearing; the approximate time the party will need to present his or her case; and identification of any procedural matters that need to be resolved prior to the hearing. The Pre-Hearing Statement must also be provided to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

James Bruce

Attorney for Cimarex Energy Co.

#### **EXHIBIT A**

Abo Petroleum, LLC P.O. Box 900 Artesia, NM 88211

Chevron U.S.A. Inc. 6301 Deauville Boulevard Midland, TX 79706

Attention: Permitting Team

COG Operating LLC One Concho Center 600 West Illinois Avenue Midland, TX 79701

OXY Y-1 Company Suite 110 5 Greenway Plaza Houston, TX 77046

MRC Permian Co. MRC Permian LKE, LLC Suite 1500 5400 LBJ Freeway Dallas, TX 75240

Attention: Kyle Perkins

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#### CASE NOS. 24045 & 24046

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MRC Permian Company MRC Permian LKE, LLC	11/16/23	11/20/23	Yes
COG Operating LLC	11/16/23	11/21/23	Yes
OXY Y-1 Company	11/16/23	11/20/23	Yes
Abo Petroleum, LLC	11/16/23	11/21/23	Yes
Chevron U.S.A. Inc.	11/16/23	11/25/23	Yes

EXHIBIT 3

# Carlsbad Current Argus.

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I, a legal clerk of the Carlsbad Current Argus, a newspaper published daily at the City of Carlsbad, in said county of Eddy, state of New Mexico and of general paid circulation in said county; that the same is a duly qualified newspaper under the laws of the State wherein legal notices and advertisements may be published; that the printed notice attached hereto was published in the regular and entire edition of said newspaper and not in supplement thereof in editions dated as follows:

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Subscribed and sworn before me this November 24,

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#### NOTICE

To: Abo Petroleum, LLC, Chevron U.S.A. Inc., COG Operating LLC, OXY Y-1 Company, MRC Permian Company, and MRC Permian LKE, LLC, or your successors or assigns. Cimarex Energy Co. has filed the following two applications with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, seeking the relief specified below:

(a) Case No. 24045: Cimarex Energy Co. seeks an order amending Order No. R-22468, entered on December 23, 2022, to extend the well commencement deadled in some year, 2022, to extend the well commencement deadline one year, to December 23, 2024. Order No. R-22468 pooled uncommitted mineral interest owners in the Bone Spring formation underlying a horizontal spacing unit comprised of the W/2W/2 of Section 29 and the W/2W/2 of Section 32, Township 25 South, Range 27 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico, for the purpose of drilling the Southern Hills 32-29 State Fed. Com. Well No. 1H. Order No. R-22468 reguires the commencement of drilling within one year of the date of the order unless the operator obtains an extension by amending the order for good cause shown.

(b) Case No. 24046: Cimarex Energy Co. seeks an order amending Order No. R-22469, entered on December 23, 2022, to extend the well commencement deadline one year, to December 23, 2024. Order No. R-22469 pooled uncommitted mineral interest owners in the Bone Spring formation underlying a horizontal spacing unit comprised of the E/2W/2 of Section 29 and the E/2W/2 of Section 32, Township 25 South, Range 27 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico, for the purpose of drilling the Southern Hills 32-29 State Fed. Com. Well No. 2H. Order No. R-22469 requires the commencement of drilling within one year of the date of the order unless the operator obtains an extension by amending the order for good cause shown.

These cases are scheduled for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on Thursday, December 7, 2023. During the current circumstances, state buildings are closed to the public and the hearing will be conducted remotely. To view the hearing docket and to determine how to participate in an electronic hearing, go to https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/ocd/hearing-info/, Marlene Salvidrez at Marlene.Salvidrez@emnrd.nm.gov. You are not required to attend this hearing, but as an owner of an interest who may be affected by the applications, you may appear and present testimony. Failure to appear at that time and become a party of record will preclude you from contesting these matters at a later date. A party appearing in a Division case is required by Division Rules to file a Proe-Hearing Statement no later than five business days before the hearing date. This statement may be filed online with the Division at ocd.hearings@emnrd.nm.gov, and should include: The name of the party and his or her attorney; a concise statement of the case; the name(s) of the witness(es) the party will call to testify at the hearing; the approximate time the party will need to present his or her case; and identime the party will need to present his or her case, and identification of any procedural matters that need to be resolved prior to the hearing. The Pre-Hearing Statement must also be provided to the attorney for the applicant. The attorney for applicant is James Bruce, P.O. Box 1056, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504, (505) 982-2043, jamesbruc@aol.com. The units are located approximately 7-1/2 miles south-southeast of Black River Village, New Mexico.

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# BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

APPLICATION OF CIMAREX ENERGY CO. TO AMEND ORDER NO. R-22468, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

Case No. 24845

#### **APPLICATION**

Cimarex Energy Co. applies for an order amending Order No. R-22468 to extend the well commencement deadline, and in support thereof states:

- 1. Order No. R-22468, entered in Case Nos. 22897 and 23084, pooled uncommitted mineral interest owners in the Bone Spring formation underlying a horizontal spacing unit comprised of the W/2W/2 of Section 29 and the W/2W/2 of Section 32, Township 25 South, Range 27 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico, for the purpose of drilling the Southern Hills 32-29 State Fed. Com. Well No. 1H.
  - 2. Order No. R-22468 designates Applicant as operator of the well unit.
- 3. Order No. R-22468 was entered on December 23, 2022. Paragraph 20 of Order No. R-22468 requires the operator to commence the well within one year of the date of issuance. Paragraph 21 of Order No. R-22468 provides that the order will terminate if a well is not timely commenced, unless the operator "obtains an extension by amending this Order for good cause shown."
- 4. Applicant plans on drilling the wells, with an anticipated spud date of April 2024, but would like an extension of the well commencement deadline for the following reasons: (a) the Bureau of Land Management has been slow in approving APDs; (b) the above well, together with a number of other Bone Spring and Wolfcamp wells in this area, were the subject of numerous contested pooling cases filed by applicant and Chevron U.S.A. Inc. These cases were



the subject of extensive settlement negotiations (ultimately successful) between the parties, which delayed the drilling of the well; and (c) other (uncontested) pooling cases of applicant were presented at the November 2, 2023 hearing for wells immediately north of the subject well. Applicant would like all of these wells to be batch-drilled at the same time in order to reduce costs. Thus good cause exists for Applicant's request for an extension.

5. Applicant requests an extension of the well commencement deadline of Order No. R-22468 to December 23, 2024.

**WHEREFORE**, applicant requests that, after notice and hearing, the Division enter its order amending Order No. R-22468 to extend the well commencement deadline to December 23, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

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Application of Cimarex Energy Co. to Amend Order No. R-22468, Eddy County, New Mexico. Cimarex Energy Co. seeks an order amending Order No. R-22468, entered on December 23, 2022, to extend the well commencement deadline one year, to December 23, 2024. Order No. R-22468 pooled uncommitted mineral interest owners in the Bone Spring formation underlying a horizontal spacing unit comprised of the W/2W/2 of Section 29 and the W/2W/2 of Section 32, Township 25 South, Range 27 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico, for the purpose of drilling the Southern Hills 32-29 State Fed. Com. Well No. 1H. Order No. R-22468 requires the commencement of drilling within one year of the date of the order unless the operator obtains an extension by amending the order for good cause shown. The unit is located approximately 7-1/2 miles south-southeast of Black River Village, New Mexico.