

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

**APPLICATION OF TAP ROCK
OPERATING, LLC FOR APPROVAL OF
STANDARD HORIZONTAL SPACING
UNIT AND COMPULSORY POOLING,
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

CASE NO. _____

APPLICATION

Tap Rock Operating, LLC, OGRID No. 372043 (“Tap Rock” or “Applicant”), through its undersigned attorneys, hereby files this Application with the Oil Conservation Division (“Division”) pursuant to the provisions of NMSA 1978, § 70-2-17, for an order (1) approving a 1,920-acre, more or less, standard horizontal spacing unit (“HSU”) composed of all of Section 34, Township 25 South, Range 25 East, N.M.P.M., and all of Sections 3 and 10, Township 26 South, Range 25 East, N.M.P.M. (the “Application Lands”), and (2) pooling all uncommitted mineral interests in the Purple Sage-Wolfcamp Gas Pool, designated as a gas pool, underlying said HSU.

In support of its Application, Tap Rock states the following:

1. Tap Rock and/or its affiliates are working interest owners in the Application Lands and has a right to drill wells thereon as the designated Operator of the Application Lands.
2. Tap Rock seeks to dedicate all of the Application Lands to form a 1,920-acre, more or less, HSU.
3. Tap Rock seeks to dedicate the above-referenced HSU to the following proposed wells:
 - A. **PBR Fed Com 202H** (API No. *Pending*), which is a gas well that will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the NW/4 NE/4 (Unit B) of Section 34,

Township 25 South, Range 25 East, to a bottom hole location in the Purple Sage-Wolfcamp Gas Pool in the SE/4 SW/4 (Unit N) of Section 10, Township 26 South, Range 25 East;

B. **PBR Fed Com 204H** (API No. *Pending*), which is a gas well that will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the NW/4 NE/4 (Unit B) of Section 34, Township 25 South, Range 25 East, to a bottom hole location in the Purple Sage-Wolfcamp Gas Pool in the SE/4 SE/4 (Unit P) of Section 10, Township 26 South, Range 25 East;

C. **PBR Fed Com 211H** (API No. *Pending*), which is a gas well that will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the NW/4 NE/4 (Unit B) of Section 34, Township 25 South, Range 25 East, to a bottom hole location in the Purple Sage-Wolfcamp Gas Pool in the SW/4 SW/4 (Unit M) of Section 10, Township 26 South, Range 25 East, and;

D. **PBR Fed Com 213H** (API No. *Pending*), which is a gas well that will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the NW/4 NE/4 (Unit B) of Section 34, Township 25 South, Range 25 East, to a bottom hole location in the Purple Sage-Wolfcamp Gas Pool in the SW/4 SE/4 (Unit O) of Section 10, Township 26 South, Range 25 East.

4. The wells are orthodox in their location as defined by 19.15.16.15.(C) NMAC, and the take points and laterals comply with Statewide Rules for setbacks under 19.15.16.15.(C) NMAC.

5. Tap Rock has sought in good faith but has been unable to obtain voluntary agreement from all interest owners in the Purple Sage-Wolfcamp Gas Pool underlying the proposed spacing unit to participate in the drilling of the wells or to otherwise commit their interests to the wells.

6. The pooling of all interests in the Purple Sage-Wolfcamp Gas Pool within the proposed unit will avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste, and protect correlative rights.

7. To provide for its just and fair share of the oil and gas underlying the Application Lands, Tap Rock requests that all uncommitted interests in this HSU be pooled and that Tap Rock be designated as the operator of the proposed horizontal wells and HSU.

WHEREFORE, Tap Rock requests this Application be set for hearing on April 10, 2025, before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division, and after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order:

- A. Approving the horizontal well spacing unit and pooling all uncommitted interests in the Purple Sage-Wolfcamp Gas Pool underlying the HSU within the Application Lands;
- B. Approving the **PBR Fed Com 202H, PBR Fed Com 204H, PBR Fed Com 211H,** and **PBR Fed Com 213H** as the initial wells for the HSU;
- C. Designating Tap Rock as operator of the HSU and the horizontal wells to be drilled thereon;
- D. Authorizing Tap Rock to recover its costs of drilling, completing, and equipping the wells;
- E. Approving the actual operating charges and costs of supervision while drilling and after completion, together with a provision adjusting the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedures; and

F. Imposing a 200% charge for the risk assumed by Tap Rock in drilling and completing the wells against any working interest owner who does not voluntarily participate in the drilling of the wells.

Respectfully submitted,

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Application of Tap Rock Operating, LLC for Approving a Standard Horizontal Spacing Unit and Compulsory Pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks an order from the Division: (1) approving a 1,920-acre, more or less, standard horizontal spacing and proration unit composed of all of Section 34, Township 25 South, Range 25 East, N.M.P.M., and all of Sections 3 and 10, Township 26 South, Range 25 East, N.M.P.M.; and (2) pooling all uncommitted mineral interests in the Purple Sage-Wolfcamp Gas Pool, designated as a gas pool, underlying said unit. The proposed wells to be dedicated to the horizontal spacing unit are the: **PBR Fed Com 202H** (API No. *Pending*), which is a gas well that will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the NW/4 NE/4 (Unit B) of Section 34, Township 25 South, Range 25 East, to a bottom hole location in the Purple Sage-Wolfcamp Gas Pool in the SE/4 SW/4 (Unit N) of Section 10, Township 26 South, Range 25 East; the **PBR Fed Com 204H** (API No. *Pending*), which is a gas well that will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the NW/4 NE/4 (Unit B) of Section 34, Township 25 South, Range 25 East, to a bottom hole location in the Purple Sage-Wolfcamp Gas Pool in the SE/4 SE/4 (Unit P) of Section 10, Township 26 South, Range 25 East; the **PBR Fed Com 211H** (API No. *Pending*), which is a gas well that will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the NW/4 NE/4 (Unit B) of Section 34, Township 25 South, Range 25 East, to a bottom hole location in the Purple Sage-Wolfcamp Gas Pool in the SW/4 SW/4 (Unit M) of Section 10, Township 26 South, Range 25 East, and; the **PBR Fed Com 213H** (API No. *Pending*), which is a gas well that will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the NW/4 NE/4 (Unit B) of Section 34, Township 25 South, Range 25 East, to a bottom hole location in the Purple Sage-Wolfcamp Gas Pool in the SW/4 SE/4 (Unit O) of Section 10, Township 26 South, Range 25 East. The wells are orthodox in location, and the take points and laterals comply with Statewide Rules for setbacks. The wells and lands are located approximately 6 miles southwest from Whites City, New Mexico.