

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

**APPLICATIONS OF MARATHON OIL
PERMIAN, LLC TO EXTEND THE DRILLING
DEADLINE UNDER ORDER NOS. R-23223
AND R-23224 AND ADD ADDITIONAL POOLED
PARTIES, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

**CASE NOS. 25333-25334
ORDER NOS. R-23223 & R-23224**

MARATHON OIL PERMIAN, LLC S CONSOLIDATED PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

Marathon Oil Permian, LLC (“Marathon” or “Applicant”), the applicant in the above-referenced matters, submits this consolidated Pre-Hearing Statement pursuant to the rules of the Oil Conservation Division.

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APPLICANT

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APPLICANT’S STATEMENT OF CASE

Under these consolidated cases, Marathon seeks orders pooling for the referenced acreage, all in Township 22 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, as follows:

- Under **Case No. 25333**, Marathon seeks to amend Division Order R-23223 to allow for an extension of time to drill the initial proposed wells and to pool additional uncommitted interests under the Pooling Order. Division Order R-23223 was issued on

May 22, 2024 in Case No. 24150 and pooled the uncommitted interests in the Bone Spring formation (Cass Draw; Bone Spring [10380]) underlying a standard 640-acre, more or less, horizontal spacing unit comprised of the S/2 of Sections 28 and 29, and initially dedicated the unit to the proposed initial **Magellan BS Fee #501H** (API No. 30-015-PENDING) and **Magellan BS Fee #502H** (API No. 30-015-PENDING).

- Under **Case No. 25334**, Marathon seeks to amend Division Order R-23224 to allow for an extension of time to drill the initial proposed wells and to pool additional uncommitted interests under the Pooling Order. Division Order R-23224 was issued on May 22, 2024 in Case No. 24151 and pooled the uncommitted interests in the Wolfcamp formation (Purple Sage; Wolfcamp [98220]) underlying a standard 640-acre, more or less, horizontal spacing unit comprised of the S/2 of Sections 28 and 29, and initially dedicated the unit to the proposed initial **Magellan WC Fee #701H** (API No. 30-015-PENDING), **Magellan WC Fee #702H** (API No. 30-015-PENDING), **Magellan WC Fee #801H** (API No. 30-015-PENDING), and **Magellan WC Fee #802H** (API No. 30-015-PENDING).

Under both Orders, Applicant would be required to commence drilling the above wells by May 23, 2025, and therefore asks for the deadline to commence drilling be extended for a year, to May 23, 2026. There is good cause for Applicant's request for an extension of time to drill.

Applicant has also discovered additional mineral interest owners in the pooled acreage that were not subject to the pooling proceedings giving rise to Order R-23223 and R-23224. Applicant has sought and been unable to obtain voluntary agreement for the development of these lands from the additional interest owners in the spacing unit. The pooling of interests will avoid the drilling

of unnecessary wells, will prevent waste, will protect correlative rights, and allow Applicant to obtain a just and fair share of the oil and gas underlying the subject lands.

APPLICANT'S PROPOSED EVIDENCE

WITNESS Name and Expertise	ESTIMATED TIME	EXHIBITS
Ben Stecker, Landman	Self-Affirmed Statement	Approx. 5

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Marathon requests that these matters be consolidated for hearing and intends to present these cases by self-affirmed statement if there is no opposition at the time of hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

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QUESTIONS

Action 468382

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