

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

**APPLICATION OF COTERRA ENERGY
OPERATING COMPANY TO AMEND ORDER
NO. R-23267, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

**CASE NO. _____
ORDER NO. R-23267**

APPLICATION

Coterra Energy Operating Company (“Coterra” or “Applicant”), (OGRID No. 215099) successor to Avant Operating, LLC, (OGRID No. 330396), through its undersigned attorneys, hereby files this application with the Oil Conservation Division (“OCD” or “Division”) to amend Order No. R-23267 (“Order”) to allow for an extension of time for drilling the proposed initial wells under the Order. In support of its application, Coterra states:

1. Division Order No. R-23267, entered on July 24, 2024, in Case No. 24376, created a non-standard 1,302.98 acre, more or less, horizontal well spacing unit composed of All of Section 31, Township 18 South, Range 33 East, and All of Section 6, Township 19 South, Range 33 East, Lea County, New Mexico (the “Unit”), and designated Coterra as operator of the unit.

2. Order No. R-23267 further pooled the uncommitted interests in the Corbin; Bone Spring South [Pool Code:13160] formation in the Unit and dedicated the Unit to the proposed initial **Emerald Fed Com #301H** (API No. 30-025-54258), **Emerald Fed Com #302H** (API No. 30-025-54258), **Emerald Fed Com #501H** (API No. 30-025-50994), **Emerald Fed Com #502H** (API No. 30-025-50995), **Emerald Fed Com #601H** (API No. 30-025-54259), **Emerald Fed Com #602H** (API No. 30-025-54260), **Emerald Fed Com #303H** (API No. 30-025-54227), **Emerald Fed Com #513H** (API No. 30-025-54190), **Emerald Fed Com #603H** (API No. 30-025-54261), **Emerald Fed Com #304H** (API No. *Pending*), **Emerald Fed Com #514H** (API No. 30-025-53574), **Emerald Fed Com #604H** (API No. 30-025-54323), **Emerald Fed Com #305H**

(API No. *Pending*), **Emerald Fed Com #306H** (API No. *Pending*), **Emerald Fed Com #515H** (API No. 30-025-53574), **Emerald Fed Com #516H** (API No. 30-025-53472), **Emerald Fed Com #605H** (API No. *Pending*), and **Emerald Fed Com #606H** (API No. 30-025-54408).

3. Paragraph 28 of the Order states: “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.”

4. Further, Paragraph 29 of the Order states: “This Order shall terminate automatically if Operator fails to comply with Paragraph 28 unless Operator obtains an extension by amending this Order for good cause shown.”


5. Good cause exists for Coterra’s request for an extension of time due to Coterra’s recent acquisition of the acreage at issue in the Unit. Coterra requires additional time to commence drilling given its recent acquisition of this acreage.

6. Applicant requests that Order No. R-23267 be re-opened and amended to allow Applicant additional time to commence drilling the wells under the Order.

7. Under the Order, Applicant would be required to commence drilling the wells by July 24, 2025, and therefore, asks for the deadline to commence drilling the wells be extended for a year, to July 24, 2026.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on July 10, 2025, and after notice and hearing as

required by law, the Division enter an order extending the time for Coterra to commence drilling the proposed wells under the Order.

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CASE _____: **Application of Coterra Energy Operating Company to Amend Order No. R-23267 to Extend the Drilling Deadline, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks a year extension time for drilling the wells under Order No. R-23267 in case number 24376. The Unit is composed of All of Section 31, Township 18 South, Range 33 East, and All of Section 6, Township 19 South, Range 33 East, Lea County, New Mexico. Order No. R-23267 pooled the uncommitted interests in the Bone Spring formation and dedicated the Unit to the proposed initial wells consisting of the **Emerald Fed Com #301H** (API No. 30-025-54258), **Emerald Fed Com #302H** (API No. 30-025-54258), **Emerald Fed Com #501H** (API No. 30-025-50994), **Emerald Fed Com #502H** (API No. 30-025-50995), **Emerald Fed Com #601H** (API No. 30-025-54259), and **Emerald Fed Com #602H** (API No. 30-025-54260), which are oil wells that will be horizontally drilled from the surface location in Lot 7 of Section 6 to a bottom hole location in the Bone Spring Formation in Lot 1 of Section 31; the **Emerald Fed Com #303H** (API No. 30-025-54227), **Emerald Fed Com #513H** (API No. 30-025-54190), and **Emerald Fed Com #603H** (API No. 30-025-54261), which are oil wells that will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in Lot 7 of Section 6 to a bottom hole location in the Bone Spring Formation in the NE/4NW/4 (Unit C) of Section 31; the **Emerald Fed Com #304H** (API No. Pending), **Emerald Fed Com #514H** (API No. 30-025-53574), and **Emerald Fed Com #604H** (API No. 30-025-54323), which are oil wells that will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the SE/4SE/4 (Unit P) of Section 6 to a bottom hole location in the Bone Spring Formation in the NW/4NE/4 (Unit B) of Section 31; and the **Emerald Fed Com #305H** (API No. Pending), **Emerald Fed Com #306H** (API No. Pending), **Emerald Fed Com #515H** (API No. 30-025-53574), **Emerald Fed Com #516H** (API No. 30-025-53472), **Emerald Fed Com #605H** (API No. Pending), and **Emerald Fed Com #606H** (API No. 30-025-54408), which are oil wells that will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the SE/4SE/4 (Unit P) of Section 6 to a bottom hole location in the Bone Spring Formation in the NE/4NE/4 (Unit A) of Section 31. Said area is located approximately 5 miles west from Hobbs, New Mexico.