

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

**APPLICATION OF HIGH PLAINS NATURAL
RESOURCES, LLC, TO EXTEND TIME TO
COMMENCE DRILLING OPERATIONS
UNDER ORDER NOS. R-22915 AND R-22915-A,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

CASE NO. 25711

PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

High Plains Natural Resources, LLC (“High Plains” or “Applicant”) submits its Pre-Hearing Statement pursuant to the rules of the Oil Conservation Division (“Division”).

APPLICANT

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INTERESTED PARTY

None.

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STATEMENT OF THE CASE

High Plains requests a one-year extension of time, until October 20, 2026, to commence drilling the well authorized by Order Nos. R-22915 and R-22915-A. High Plains is the successor in interest to Steward Energy II, LLC (“Steward”). The Division entered Order No. R-22915 in Case No. 23578 on October 20, 2023, pooling all uncommitted interests in the San Andres formation underlying a 265.00-acre, more or less, standard horizontal spacing unit comprised of

the E/2 of irregular Section 11, Township 13 South, Range 38 East, Lea County, New Mexico (“Unit”). Order No. R-22915 further dedicated the unit to the Gale Federal 2H well (“Well”) and designated Steward Energy II, LLC as operator of the Unit and Well.

On December 12, 2024, the Division issued Order No. R-22915-A in Case No. 24870, granting an extension of time to commence drilling operations until October 20, 2025.

High Plains’ ability to commence drilling the Well has been delayed by the acquisition of Steward’s assets and the need to integrate the Unit into Applicant’s drilling schedule. Therefore, good cause exists for the requested one-year extension. Applicant further requests that the Division designate Burk Royalty Co., LTD (OGRID No. 3053) as operator of the Unit and Well.

PROPOSED EVIDENCE

Witness	Occupation	Estimated Time	Exhibits
Josh Morian	Landman	Affidavit	Approx. 4

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Applicant intends to present this case by affidavit if there is no opposition to its application.

Respectfully submitted,

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QUESTIONS

Testimony	
Please assist us by provide the following information about your testimony.	
Number of witnesses	Not answered.
Testimony time (in minutes)	Not answered.