

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

**APPLICATION OF COTERRA ENERGY
OPERATING CO. TO EXTEND TIME
TO COMMENCE DRILLING OPERATIONS,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

**CASE NO. 25919
ORDER NO. R-23749**

COTERRA'S PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

Coterra Energy Operating Co. ("Applicant") (OGRID No. 215099), through its undersigned attorney, hereby submits this Pre-Hearing Statement pursuant to the rules of the Oil Conservation Division.

APPEARANCES

APPLICANT

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RESPONDENTS

None.

APPLICANT'S STATEMENT OF THE CASE

In Case No. 25919, Coterra Energy Operating Co. ("Applicant") (OGRID No. 215099), through its undersigned attorney, hereby files this Application with the Oil Conservation Division of the State of New Mexico ("Division") requesting a one-year time extension to commence

drilling the Well(s) authorized by Order No. R-23749 (“Order”). In support of its application, Applicant states the following:

1. The Division entered the Order in Case No. 24872 on April 1, 2025.
2. The Order pooled all uncommitted interests in the Wolfcamp Formation underlying a 1262.72 -acre, more or less, non-standard horizontal spacing unit comprised of the Sections 30 and 31, both located in Township 18 South, Range 34 East, NMPM Lea County, New Mexico (“Unit”), for the purpose of drilling the Speedmaster 30 Fed Com 006H (“006H Well”), Speedmaster 30 Fed Com 007H (“007H Well”), Speedmaster 30 Fed Com 008H (“008H Well”), and Speedmaster 30 Fed Com 009H (“009H Well”). The 006H Well, 007H Well, 008H Well, and 009H Well are referred to collectively herein as the “Wells.”
3. The Order designated Avant Operating, LLC (“Avant”) as operator of the Unit. In January 2025, Applicant acquired Avant’s interests in the Unit and is the successor in interest to Avant under the Order.
4. Applicant’s ability to commence drilling the wells has been delayed by the January 2025 acquisition of Avant, as well as the acquisition of Franklin Mountain Energy. Additionally, unanticipated changes in economic conditions, including volatile commodity price fluctuations and tariffs have resulted in economic uncertainty creating unexpected delay.

Accordingly, Applicant requests that the Division extend the deadline to commence drilling the Wells for one year from April 1, 2026 to April 1, 2027.

APPLICANT’S EVIDENCE

WITNESS Name and Expertise	ESTIMATED TIME	EXHIBITS
Adam Morgan, Landman	Affidavit / As Needed	Approximately
Ben Holliday, Attorney	Affidavit / As Needed	4
		Approximately 5

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Applicant intends to present this case by affidavit if there is no opposition at the time of the hearing. No party has appeared or objected and Applicant does not anticipate opposition to this motion.

Respectfully submitted,

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QUESTIONS

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Testimony	
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Number of witnesses	2
Testimony time (in minutes)	5