

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

**APPLICATION OF CONOCOPHILLIPS COMPANY
FOR APPROVAL OF A NON-STANDARD SPACING
UNIT AND COMPULSORY POOLING,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

CASE NO. 25987

CONOCOPHILLIPS PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

ConocoPhillips Company (“COPC” or “ConocoPhillips” or “Applicant”), the applicant in the above-referenced matter, submits this Pre-Hearing Statement pursuant to the rules of the Oil Conservation Division.

APPEARANCES

APPLICANT

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APPLICANT’S STATEMENT OF THE CASE

Under **Case No. 25987**, ConocoPhillips seeks an order (a) approving a non-standard 942.88-acre, more or less, horizontal well spacing unit in the Wolfcamp formation (Sanders Tank; Upper Wolfcamp [98097]) underlying Lots 1-4, E/2 W/2 and E/2 (All equivalent) of irregular Section 30 and Lots 1-5, NE/4 NW/4 and N/2 NE/4 (All equivalent) of irregular Section 31, Township 26 South, Range 33 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, and (b) pooling the uncommitted interest owners in this acreage.

COPC seeks to initially dedicate the above-referenced horizontal spacing unit to the proposed following wells:

- **Lil John Fed Com 701H**, to be drilled from a surface location in the NW/4 NE/4 (Unit B) of irregular Section 30, a first take point in the NE/4 NE/4 (Unit A) of irregular Section 30, and a last take point in Lot 5 (SE/4 NE/4 equivalent) of irregular Section 31;
- **Lil John Fed Com 702H**, to be drilled from a surface location in the NW/4 NE/4 (Unit B) of irregular Section 30, a first take point in the NE/4 NE/4 (Unit A) of irregular Section 30, and a last take point in Lot 5 (SE/4 NE/4 equivalent) of irregular Section 31;
- **Lil John Fed Com 703H**, to be drilled from a surface location in the NW/4 NE/4 (Unit B) of irregular Section 30, a first take point in the NW/4 NE/4 (Unit B) of irregular Section 30, and a last take point in Lot 4 (SW/4 NE/4 equivalent) of irregular Section 31;
- **Lil John Fed Com 704H**, to be drilled from a surface location in the NW/4 NE/4 (Unit B) of irregular Section 30, a first take point in the NW/4 NE/4 (Unit B) of irregular Section 30, and a last take point in Lot 4 (SW/4 NE/4 equivalent) of irregular Section 31;
- **Lil John Fed Com 707H**, to be drilled from a surface location in the NE/4 NW/4 (Unit C) of irregular Section 30, a first take point in the NE/4 NW/4 (Unit C) of irregular Section 30, and a last take point in Lot 3 (SE/4 NW/4 equivalent) of irregular Section 31;
- **Lil John Fed Com 708H**, to be drilled from a surface location in the NE/4 NW/4 (Unit C) of irregular Section 30, a first take point in the NW/4 NE/4 (Unit B) of irregular Section 30, and a last take point in Lot 4 (SW/4 NE/4 equivalent) of irregular Section 31;
- **Lil John Fed Com 709H**, to be drilled from a surface location in the NE/4 NW/4 (Unit C) of irregular Section 30, a first take point in the NE/4 NW/4 (Unit C) of irregular Section 30, and a last take point in Lot 3 (SE/4 NW/4 equivalent) of irregular Section 31;

- **Lil John Fed Com 710H**, to be drilled from a surface location in the NE/4 NW/4 (Unit C) of irregular Section 30, a first take point in the NE/4 NW/4 (Unit C) of irregular Section 30, and a last take point in Lot 3 (SE/4 NW/4 equivalent) of irregular Section 31;
- **Lil John Fed Com 711H**, to be drilled from a surface location in Lot 1 (NW/4 NW/4 equivalent) of irregular Section 30, a first take point in Lot 1 (NW/4 NW/4 equivalent) of irregular Section 30, and a last take point in Lot 2 (SW/4 NW/4 equivalent) of irregular Section 31; and
- **Lil John Fed Com 712H**, to be drilled from a surface location in Lot 1 (NW/4 NW/4 equivalent) of irregular Section 30, a first take point in Lot 1 (NW/4 NW/4 equivalent) of irregular Section 30, and a last take point in Lot 2 (SW/4 NW/4 equivalent) of irregular Section 31.

Approval of a non-standard unit will allow Applicant to efficiently locate surface facilities for the recovery of oil and gas underlying the subject lands, reduce surface disturbance, lower operating costs and allow for efficient well spacing.

The completed interval for the wells will comply with the statewide oil rules. Applicant has sought and been unable to obtain voluntary agreement for the development of these lands from all interest owners in the subject acreage.

APPLICANT’S PROPOSED EVIDENCE

WITNESS Name and Expertise	ESTIMATED TIME	EXHIBITS
Matt Darby, Landman	Self-Affirmed Statement	Approx. 6
Rachel Shanks, Geologist	Self- Affirmed Statement	Approx. 4

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

ConocoPhillips intends to present this case by self-affirmed statement if there is no opposition at the time of hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

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