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

## IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION FOR COMPULSORY POOLING SUBMITTED BY V-F PETROLEUM, INC.

CASE NO. 25151 ORDER NO. R-23838

#### <u>ORDER</u>

The Director of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("OCD"), having heard this matter through a Hearing Examiner on April 10, 2025, and after considering the testimony, evidence, and recommendation of the Hearing Examiner, issues the following Order.

#### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. V-F Petroleum, Inc. ("Applicant") submitted an application to compulsory pool the uncommitted oil and gas interests within the spacing unit described in the application ("Application").
- 2. The vertical extent to which Applicant is seeking to compulsory pool was unclear in the Application. The application and compulsory pooling application checklist states that Applicant is seeking to compulsory pool the Bone Spring formation. The landman's statement states that Applicant is seeking to compulsory pool within the Bone Spring formation from the top of the First Bone Spring horizon to the base of the Third Bone Spring horizon and includes an approximate depth of 3,632' to 8,380'. An approximate depth of 3,632' to 8,380' includes several formations above the Bone Spring formation.
- 3. At hearing Applicant clarified that it seeks to compulsory pool within the Bone Spring formation from the top of the First Bone Spring horizon to the base of the Third Bone Spring horizon (TR pg 152).
- 4. Applicant was afforded the opportunity to amend the Application to correct its requested vertical extent to match its testimony at hearing (TR pg 152).
- 5. Applicant submitted an amended exhibit packet on April 16, 2025, but failed to correct the discrepancies. The compulsory pooling application checklist indicates that Applicant is seeking to compulsory pool the entire Bone Spring formation. The landman's statement indicates that Applicant is seeking to compulsory pool within the Bone Spring formation from the top of the First Bone Spring horizon to the base of the Third Bone Spring horizon.
- 6. The Bone Spring formation includes from top to bottom: the Avalon horizon, the First Bone Spring horizon, the Second Bone Spring horizon, and the Third Bone Spring

horizon.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 7. OCD provided Applicant the opportunity and sufficient time to amend the Application to correct the discrepancies after the hearing and before taking the case under advisement.
- 8. Applicant failed to submit a complete and accurate Application.

## ORDER

Because Applicant failed to submit a complete and accurate Application, it is hereby **ORDERED** that Case 25151 is dismissed, without prejudice.

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Date: 6/18/2025

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