

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

**APPLICATION OF TAP ROCK RESOURCES,  
LLC FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA  
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION**

Tap Rock Resources, LLC applies for an order pooling all uncommitted mineral interest owners in the Bone Spring formation underlying a horizontal spacing unit comprised of the E/2E/2 of Section 4 and the E/2NE/4 and NE/4SE/4 of Section 9, Township 24 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, and in support thereof, states:

1. Applicant is a working interest owner in the E/2E/2 of Section 4 and the E/2NE/4 and NE/4SE/4 of Section 9, and has the right to drill a well thereon.
2. Applicant proposes to drill The Contest Fed. Com. Well No. 144H to a depth sufficient to test the Bone Spring formation. The E/2E/2 of Section 4 and the E/2NE/4 and NE/4SE/4 of Section 9 will be dedicated to the well. The well has a first take point in the NE/4SE/4 of Section 9 and a last take point in the NE/4NE/4 of Section 4
3. Applicant has in good faith sought to obtain voluntary joinder of all other mineral interest owners in the E/2E/2 of Section 4 and the E/2NE/4 and NE/4SE/4 of Section 9.
4. Although applicant attempted to obtain to obtain voluntary agreements from all mineral interest owners to participate in the drilling of the well or to otherwise commit their interests to the well, certain interest owners have failed or refused to join in dedicating their interests. Therefore, applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interest owners in the Bone

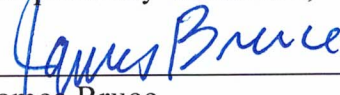
Spring formation underlying the E/2E/2 of Section 4 and the E/2NE/4 and NE/4SE/4 of Section 9, pursuant to NMSA 1978 §70-2-17.

5. The pooling of mineral interest owners in the Bone Spring formation underlying the E/2E/2 of Section 4 and the E/2NE/4 and NE/4SE/4 of Section 9 will avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste, and protect correlative rights.

WHEREFORE, applicant requests that, after notice and hearing, the Division enter its order:

- A. Pooling all uncommitted mineral interest owners in the E/2E/2 of Section 4 and the E/2NE/4 and NE/4SE/4 of Section 9;
- B. Designating Tap Rock Operating, LLC as operator of the well;
- C. Considering the cost of drilling, completing, and equipping the well, and allocating the costs thereof among the well's working interest owners;
- D. Approving actual operating charges and costs charged for supervision, together with a provision adjusting the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedure; and
- E. Setting a 200% charge for the risk assumed by applicant in drilling, completing, and equipping the well in the event a working interest owner elects not to participate in the well.

Respectfully submitted,



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