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

APPLICATION OF CIMAREX ENERGY CO. TO AMEND ORDER NO. R-21298, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

CASE NO. \_\_\_\_ ORDER NO. R-21298 (Re-Open)

## **APPLICATION**

Cimarex Energy Co. ("Cimarex"), OGRID Number 215099, through its undersigned attorney, files this application with the Oil Conservation Division ("Division") for the limited purpose of amending Order No. R-21298 ("the Order") to allow for an extension of time for drilling the well under the Order. In support of this application, Cimarex states as follows:

- 1. The Order is one of two orders relating to Cimarex's "West Grama Ridge" well group.
- 2. The Division heard Case No. 21147 on April 16, 2020 and entered the Order on April 28, 2020.
- 3. The Order designated Cimarex as the operator of the unit and the **West Grama Ridge 7 Federal Com 2H** well; and pooled uncommitted interest owners in a 160-acre, more or less, Bone Spring horizontal spacing unit comprised of the E/2 E/2 of Section 7, Township 22 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.
- 4. Paragraph 19 of the Order states: "The Operator shall commence drilling the Well(s) within one year after the date of this Order; and complete each Well no later than one (1) year after the commencement of drilling the Well." Paragraph 20 of the Order states: "This Order shall terminate automatically if Operator fails to comply with Paragraph 19 unless Operator obtains an extension by an amendment of this Order for good cause shown."
- 5. Under the Order, Cimarex would be required to commence drilling the well by April 28, 2021.

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- 6. Cimarex requests that the Order be re-opened and amended to allow Cimarex additional time to commence drilling the well under the Order.
  - 7. Good cause exists for Cimarex's request for an extension of time.
- 8. Cimarex requests this extension because there have been changes in Cimarex's drilling schedule due to the COVID-19 pandemic and current market conditions.
- 9. Cimarex asks that the deadline to commence drilling the well be extended for a year from April 28, 2021 to April 28, 2022.

WHEREFORE, Cimarex requests this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on March 4, 2021, and after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division amend Order No. R-21298 to extend the time for Cimarex to commence drilling the well under the Order for a year, through April 28, 2022.

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(Re-Open) Application of Cimarex Energy Co. to Amend Order No. R-21298, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order from the Oil Conservation Division for the limited purposes of amending Order No. R-21298 to allow for a one-year extension of time to commence drilling the wells under the Order. The Division issued Order No. R-21298 on April 28, 2020, which designated Cimarex as the operator of the unit and the West Grama Ridge 7 Federal Com 2H well; and pooled uncommitted interest owners in a 160-acre, more or less, Bone Spring horizontal spacing unit comprised of the E/2 E/2 of Section 7, Township 22 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. The Order requires commencement of drilling the wells within one year of the date of the Order unless Cimarex obtains an extension by an amendment of this Order for good cause shown. Good cause exists for Cimarex's request for an extension of time due to current market conditions.