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

APPLICATION OF TITUS OIL & GAS PRODUCTION, LLC FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

## **APPLICATION**

Titus Oil & Gas Production, LLC ("Titus"), through its undersigned counsel Montgomery & Andrews, P.A. (Sharon T. Shaheen and John F. McIntyre), hereby files this application with the Oil Conservation Division pursuant to the provisions of NMSA 1978, § 70-2-17, for an order pooling all mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation (WC-025 G-08 S263412K; Bone Spring [96672]) underlying a standard 240-acre, more or less, horizontal spacing and proration unit ("HSU") comprised of the E/2 SE/4 of Section 17 and the E/2 E/2 of Section 20, Township 26 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, in Lea County, New Mexico. In support of its application, Titus states as follows:

- 1. Titus is a working interest owner in the proposed HSU and has the right to drill thereon.
  - 2. Titus proposes to drill the following 1.5-mile well in the proposed HSU:
    - Cattlemen Fed Com 204H well, to be horizontally drilled from an approximate surface hole location 2174' FNL and 922' FEL of Section 17, T26S-R35E, to an approximate bottom hole location 10' FSL and 330' FEL of Section 20, T26S-R35E.
- 3. The completed interval and first and last take points will meet the setback requirements set forth in the statewide rules for horizontal oil wells.

- 4. Titus has in good faith sought and been unable to obtain voluntary agreement for the development of these lands from all of the mineral interest owners in the HSU.
- 5. Approval of the HSU and the pooling of all mineral interest owners in the Bone Spring formation underlying the HSU will avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste, and protect correlative rights.
- 6. In order to permit Titus to obtain its just and fair share of the oil and gas underlying the subject lands, all uncommitted interests in this HSU should be pooled and Titus should be designated the operator of the HSU.

WHEREFORE, Titus requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on April 8, 2021, and that, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order:

- A. Creating a standard 240-acre, more or less, HSU comprised of the E/2 SE/4 of Section 17 and the E/2 E/2 of Section 20, Township 26 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, in Lea County, New Mexico;
  - B. Pooling all mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying the HSU;
- C. Allowing the drilling of the following 1.5-mile well in the HSU: Cattlemen Fed Com 204H well;
  - D. Designating Titus as operator of the HSU and the well to be drilled thereon;
- E. Authorizing Titus to recover its costs of drilling, equipping and completing the well;
- F. Approving the operating charges and costs of supervision while drilling of \$8,000/month and, after completion, \$800/month, together with a provision adjusting the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedures; and

G. Imposing a 200% penalty for the risk assumed by Titus in drilling and completing the well against any interest owner who does not voluntarily participate in the drilling of the well.

Respectfully submitted,

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