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

## APPLICATION OF TITUS OIL & GAS PRODUCTION, LCC TO AMEND ORDER NO. R-21378, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_ Order No. R-21378 (Re-Open)

## **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 to amend Order No. R-21378 entered in Case No. 21212 to extend the time for drilling (1) the **Cattlemen Fed Com 404H** well (API # 30-025-48127) ("Cattlemen 404H Well"), (2) the **Cattlemen Fed Com 434H** well (API # 30-025-48129) ("Cattlemen 434H Well"), and (3) the **Cattlemen Fed Com 514H** well (API # 30-025-48132) ("Cattlemen 514H Well") approved in Order No. R-21378.<sup>1</sup> In support of its application, Titus states as follows:

1. Order No. R-21378 pooled uncommitted interest owners in the Wolfcamp formation (WC-025 G-09 S263619C; Wolfcamp [98234]) in 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, dedicated to the Cattlemen 404H Well, the Cattlemen 434H Well, and the Cattlemen 514H Well.

2. Titus is a working interest owner in the HSU and has the right to drill thereon.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Order No. R-21378 entered in Case No. 21212 is one of five orders relating to Titus's "Cattlemen" well group. By separate applications, Titus is seeking to amend Order No. R-21371 entered in Case No. 21208, Order No. 21372 entered in Case No. 21209, Order No. R-21376 entered in Case No. 21210, and Order No. R-21377 entered in Case No. 21211.

3. Order No. R-21378 designated Titus as the operator of the Cattlemen 404H Well, the Cattlemen 434H Well, the Cattlemen 514H Well, and the HSU.

4. Titus requests the Division re-open the matter to extend the time to commence drilling the Cattlemen 404H Well, the Cattlemen 434H Well, and the Cattlemen 514H Well to be no later than July 22, 2022, which will be a one-year extension from the time to commence drilling granted in Order No. R-21378.

5. The Division Hearing in the original proceeding, Case No. 21378, was held on June 25, 2020, in conjunction with four other Titus cases, Case Nos. 21208, 21209, 21210, and 21211.

6. The Division entered Order No. R-21378 in Case No. 21212 on July 22, 2020.

7. Order No. R-21378, ¶ 19 states: "The Operator shall commence drilling the Well(s) within one (1) year after the date of this Order, and complete each Well no later than one (1) year after the commencement of drilling the Well." Order No. R-21378, ¶ 20 states: "This Order shall terminate automatically if Operator fails to comply with Paragraph 19 unless Operator obtains an extension by amending this Order for good cause shown."

8. Under Order No. R-21378, Titus would be required to commence drilling the wells by July 22, 2021.

9. Good cause exists for the Division to grant the extension.

10. Titus requests an extension of time because there have been changes in Titus's drilling schedule due to COVID-19 and current market conditions. In addition, the executive order entered by the federal administration in January 2021 impacted the timing of federal permitting, right-of-way, and sundries among other federal approvals needed prior to drilling.

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11. Titus's operations and drilling activity have been impacted by COVID-19, oil and gas market conditions, and delays in federal permitting.

WHEREFORE, Titus requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on May 6, 2021, and that, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order amending Order No. R-21378 to extend the time to commence drilling (1) the Cattlemen 404H Well, (2) the Cattlemen 434H Well, and (3) the Cattlemen 514H Well to be no later than July 22, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

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