

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

**APPLICATION OF MATADOR PRODUCTION
COMPANY FOR COMPULSORY POOLING,
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

CASE NO. _____

APPLICATION

Matador Production Company (“Matador” or “Applicant”) (OGRID No. 228937), through its undersigned attorneys, hereby files this application with the Oil Conservation Division, pursuant to the provisions of NMSA 1978, § 70-2-17, for an order pooling all uncommitted interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying a standard 320-acre, more or less, horizontal spacing unit comprised of the N/2 S/2 of Sections 23 and 24, Township 23 South, Range 27 East, Eddy County, New Mexico. In support of its application, Matador states:

1. An affiliate entity of Matador is a working interest owner in the proposed spacing unit and has the right to drill thereon.
2. Applicant seeks to dedicate the above-referenced spacing unit to the proposed initial **Norris Thornton Fed Com #123H well**, to be drilled from a surface location in the NW/4 SW/4 (Unit L) of Section 23 to a bottom hole location in the NE/4 SE/4 (Unit I) of Section 24.
3. The completed interval of the well will comply with statewide setbacks for oil wells.
4. Applicant has sought and been unable to obtain voluntary agreement for the development of these lands from all working interest owners in the subject acreage.

5. The pooling of interests will avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, will prevent waste, and will protect correlative rights.

6. In order to permit Applicant to obtain its just and fair share of the oil and gas underlying the subject lands, all uncommitted interests in this horizontal spacing unit should be pooled, and Applicant should be designated the operator of the proposed initial well and the proposed horizontal spacing unit.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on June 3, 2021, and, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order:

- A. Pooling all uncommitted interests in the horizontal spacing unit in the Bone Spring formation and approving the initial wells thereon;
- B. Designating Applicant as operator of this spacing unit and the horizontal wells to be drilled thereon;
- C. Authorizing Applicant to recover its costs of drilling, equipping, and completing the well;
- D. Approving the actual operating charges and costs of supervision while drilling and after completion, together with a provision adjusting the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedures; and
- E. Imposing a 200% charge for the risk assumed by Applicant in drilling and completing the well against any working interest owner who does not voluntarily participate in the drilling of the well.

Respectfully submitted,

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