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

APPLICATION OF CHEVRON U.S.A. INC. FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO.	
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APPLICATION

Chevron U.S.A. Inc. ("Chevron" or "Applicant") (OGRID No. 4323), through its undersigned attorneys, hereby files this application with the Oil Conservation Division pursuant to the provisions of N.M.S.A. 1978, § 70-2-17, for an order pooling all uncommitted interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying a standard 640-acre horizontal spacing unit comprised of the W/2 of Sections 14 and 23, Township 23 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico. In support of its application, Chevron states:

- 1. Applicant is a working interest owner in the proposed horizontal spacing unit and has the right to drill thereon.
- 2. Applicant seeks to dedicate the above-referenced horizontal spacing unit to the following proposed wells, both of which will be horizontally drilled from a surface hole location in the SW/4 SW/4 (Unit M) of Section 23 to a bottom hole location in the NE/4 NW/4 (Unit C) of Section 14: (1) the CB Mothma 23 14 Fee 10 #401H well; and (2) the CB Mothma 23 14 Fee 10 #402H well.
- 3. Pursuant to the Special Rules for the Purple Sage; Wolfcamp (Gas) Pool (Pool Code 98220), the completed interval for each of these proposed initial wells will comply with the 330-foot setback requirement.

- 4. Applicant has sought and been unable to obtain voluntary agreement for the development of these lands from all the working interest owners in the subject spacing unit.
- 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 horizontal wells and 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 Wolfcamp formation underlying the proposed spacing unit;
- B. Approving the initial wells in the horizontal well spacing unit;
- C. Designating Applicant as operator of the horizontal spacing unit and the horizontal wells to be drilled thereon;
- D. Authorizing Applicant to recover its costs of drilling, equipping and completing the wells;
- E. 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

F. Imposing a 200% charge for the risk assumed by Applicant in drilling and completing the wells against any working interest owner who does not voluntarily participate in the drilling of the wells.

Respectfully submitted,

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