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

## APPLICATION OF COLGATE OPERATING LLC TO AMEND ORDER NO. R-21446, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

CASE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ ORDER NO. R-21446 (Re-Open)

## **APPLICATION**

Colgate Operating LLC ("Colgate"), OGRID Number 371449, through its undersigned attorney, files this application with the Oil Conservation Division ("Division") for the limited purpose of amending Order No. R-21446 ("the Order") to allow for an extension of time for drilling the well under the Order. In support of this application, Colgate states as follows:

1. The Division heard Case No. 21317 on August 20, 2020 and entered the Order on September 9, 2020.

2. The Order designated Colgate as the operator of the unit and the Atlas 18 State

**Fed Com 122H** and **Atlas 18 State Fed Com 132H** wells; and pooled uncommitted interest owners in a 233-acre, more or less, Bone Spring horizontal spacing unit comprised of the S/2 NW/4 equivalent of irregular Section 18, Township 19 South, Range 29 East, and the S/2 N/2 of Section 13, Township 19 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

3. 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 amending this Order for good cause shown."

4. Under the Order, Colgate would be required to commence drilling the well September 9, 2021.

5. Colgate requests that the Order be re-opened and amended to allow Colgate an additional year to commence drilling the well under the Order.

6. Colgate requests this extension because there have been changes in Colgate's drilling schedule due to the COVID-19 pandemic and recent market conditions.

7. Good cause exists for Colgate's request for an extension of time.

8. Colgate asks that the deadline to commence drilling the well be extended for a year

from September 9, 2021 to September 9, 2022.

WHEREFORE, Colgate requests 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 amend Order No. R-21446 to extend the time for Colgate to commence drilling the well under the Order for a year, through September 9, 2022.

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