

BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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

Case No. _____

APPLICATION

Matador Production Company applies for an order pooling all uncommitted mineral interest owners in the Bone Spring formation underlying a horizontal spacing unit comprised of the W/2SW/4 of Section 33, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, N.M.P.M., and the W/2W/2 of Section 4 and the W/2W/2 of Section 9, Township 25 South, Range 35 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico, and in support thereof, states:

1. Applicant is an operator in the W/2SW/4 of Section 33, the W/2W/2 of Section 4, and the W/2W/2 of Section 9, and has the right to drill a well thereon.
2. Applicant proposes to drill the Noel South Fed. Com. Well No. 111H to a depth sufficient to test the Bone Spring formation, with a first take point in the NW/4SW/4 of Section 33 and a last take point in the SW/4SW/4 of Section 9.
3. Applicant has in good faith sought to obtain the voluntary joinder of all other mineral interest owners in the W/2SW/4 of Section 33, the W/2W/2 of Section 4, and the W/2W/2 of Section 9 for the purposes set forth herein.
4. Although applicant attempted to obtain voluntary agreements from all mineral interest owners to participate in the drilling of the well or to otherwise commit their interests to the well, certain interest owners have failed or refused to join in dedicating their interests. Therefore, applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interest owners in the Bone Spring

formation underlying the W/2SW/4 of Section 33, the W/2W/2 of Section 4, and the W/2W/2 of Section 9 pursuant to NMSA 1978 §70-2-17.

5. The pooling of all mineral interest owners in the Bone Spring formation underlying a horizontal spacing unit comprised of the W/2SW/4 of Section 33, the W/2W/2 of Section 4, and the W/2W/2 of Section 9 will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste, and protect correlative rights.

WHEREFORE, applicant requests that, after notice and hearing, the Division enter its order:

- A. Pooling all mineral interest owners in the Bone Spring formation underlying the W/2SW/4 of Section 33, the W/2W/2 of Section 4, and the W/2W/2 of Section 9;
- B. Designating applicant as operator of the well;
- C. Considering the cost of drilling, completing, and equipping the well, and allocating the cost thereof among the well's working interest owners;
- D. Approving actual operating charges and costs charged for supervision, together with a provision adjusting the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedure; and
- E. Setting a 200% charge for the risk involved in drilling, completing, and equipping the well in the event a working interest owner elects not to participate in the well.

Respectfully submitted,



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