

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

**APPLICATION OF DEVON ENERGY PRODUCTION  
COMPANY, L.P., FOR A HORIZONTAL SPACING UNIT AND  
COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

**Case No. 22186**

**PREHEARING STATEMENT**

Devon Energy Production Company, L.P. (“Devon”), OGRID No. 6137, through its undersigned attorneys, submits the following Prehearing Statement pursuant to the rules of the Oil Conservation Division (“Division”).

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**APPLICANT'S STATEMENT OF CASE**

In Case No. 22186, Devon seeks an order (1) creating a standard 400-acre, more or less, spacing and proration unit comprised of the N/2 NW/4 of Section 26 and the N/2 N/2 of Sections 27 and 28, Township 20 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, and (2) pooling all uncommitted mineral interests in the Wolfcamp formation, designated as a wildcat oil pool, underlying said unit. Devon proposes to dedicate the unit to its **Burton Flat 26-28 Fed State Com 621H Well**, as an initial well. Devon proposes the **Burton Flat 26-28 Fed State Com 621H Well**, an oil well, to be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the NE/4 NW/4 (Unit C) of Section 26, to a bottom hole location in the NW/4 NW/4 (Unit D) of Section 28.

**SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OF CASE**

As described herein, these wells have a proposed unit for pooling that traverses the N/2 NW/4 of Section 26 and the N/2 N/2 of Sections 27 and 28; therefore, the unit proposed to the Division in the above-referenced case describes the entire 400-acre, more or less, unit for purposes of notice to the parties of the size and scope of the unit, pursuant to NMAC 19.15.4.9A, which Devon respectfully submits was satisfied, and for purposes of determining prevention of waste and the protection of correlative rights in the 400-acre standard unit under consideration. The unit itself encompasses both lands that are part of a Federal Exploratory Unit (FEU) and lands that are outside the FEU, to create a "Straddle Comm" unit for the well. Devon has been working closely with both the BLM and NM State Land Office to construct this unit as a standard spacing unit. Pursuant to the Division's recommendation that the unit will prevent waste and protect correlative rights, the BLM plans to issue a CA for the unit that will cover the N/2 NW/4 of Sections 26 and the N/2 N/2 of Sections 27 and 28, same as the spacing and proration unit requested herein, for allocation of revenue and payment among the interest owners. The BLM will then establish a

Participation Area (PA), upon Devon’s showing of paying well determinations, such that the PA will match and correspond to the size of the CA and spacing unit.

Devon is respectfully requesting that the Division acknowledge the spacing unit encompassing the N/2 NW/4 of Section 26 and the N/2 N/2 of Sections 27 and 28 for purposes of the prevention of waste and protection of correlative rights. If the Division should find that it may need to segment the spacing unit based on lands inside and outside the FEU, in order to obtain proper interaction between the lands, Devon requests that the Division make such segmentations with the acknowledgement that the proposed spacing unit as a whole is standard.

Devon respectfully submits that any segmentation of lands outside the FEU, in the N/2 N/2 of Section 28, would be built upon contiguous tracts of quarter-quarter sections in relation to the quarter-quarter sections penetrated by the well interval in the remainder of the unit, pursuant to NMAC 19.15.16.15B(a) and - B(d), thus having a standard-unit designation under statewide rules. Since the completed intervals of the well is not wholly within the FEU, but is a Straddle Comm well, Devon submits that any separation of the proposed spacing unit from the FEU, pursuant to 19.15.16.15B(8), would be conditional rather than absolute; and therefore, the Division’s designation of the standard 400-acre spacing unit should be appropriate with the incorporation of any adjustments the Division deems necessary, pursuant to the Division’s broad authority in NMSA 1978 Section 70-2-11A.

**APPLICANT’S PROPOSED EVIDENCE**

WITNESS	ESTIMATED TIME	EXHIBITS
Landman: Andy D. Bennett	Approx. 10 min	Approx. 6
Geologist: Joe Dixon	Approx. 10 min	Approx. 5

**PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

Devon requests that, for purposes of the hearings, this Case No. 22186 be consolidated with Case Nos. 22185, 22187, 22188, 22189 and 22190 as they involve units within the same sections. No protests or objections have been filed and Devon does not anticipate any at this time; accordingly, Devon plans to conduct the hearing by affidavit.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was filed with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division and was served on counsel of record via electronic mail on September 30, 2021:

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**QUESTIONS**

<b>Testimony</b>	
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