

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

**APPLICATION OF CIMAREX ENERGY CO.  
FOR A HORIZONTAL SPACING UNIT AND  
COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION**

Cimarex Energy Co. (“Cimarex”), OGRID No. 215099, through its undersigned attorneys, hereby files this Application with the Oil Conservation Division (“Division”) pursuant to the provisions of NMSA 1978, Section 70-2-17, for an order (1) creating a standard 480-acre, more or less, spacing and proration unit comprised of the E/2 W/2 of Sections 20, 29 and 32, Township 25 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, and (2) pooling all uncommitted mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation, designated as an oil pool, underlying said unit.

In support of its Application, Cimarex states the following:

1. Cimarex is a working interest owner in the proposed horizontal spacing and proration unit (“HSU”) and has a right to drill a well thereon.
2. Cimarex proposes and dedicates to the HSU the **Southern Hills 32-29-20 State Fed Com 2H Well** as an initial well, to be drilled to a sufficient depth to test the Bone Spring formation.
3. Cimarex proposes the **Southern Hills 32-29-20 State Fed Com 2H Well**, an oil well, to be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the SE/4 SW/4 (Unit N) of Section 32 to a bottom hole location in the NE/4 NW/4 (Unit C) of Section 20.

4. The proposed well is orthodox in its location, and the take points and completed interval comply with setback requirements under the statewide rules.

5. Cimarex has sought in good faith, but has been unable to obtain, voluntary agreement from all interest owners to participate in the drilling of the well or in the commitment of their interests to the well for their development within the proposed HSU.

6. The pooling of all interests in the Bone Spring formation within the proposed HSU, and creation of the spacing unit, will avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

7. In order to provide for its just and fair share of the oil and gas underlying the subject lands, Cimarex requests that all uncommitted interests in this HSU be pooled and that Cimarex be designated the operator of the proposed horizontal well and HSU.

WHEREFORE, Cimarex requests that this Application be set for hearing on November 4, 2021, before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division, and after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order:

A. Approving the creation of a standard 480-acre, more or less, spacing and proration unit comprised of the E/2 W/2 of Sections 20, 29 and 32, Township 25 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico;

B. Pooling all uncommitted mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying the proposed HSU.

C. Approving the **Southern Hills 32-29-20 State Fed Com 2H Well** as the well for the HSU.

D. Designating Cimarex as operator of this HSU and the horizontal well to be drilled thereon;

E. Authorizing Cimarex to recover its costs of drilling, equipping, and completing the well;

F. Approving actual operating charges and costs of supervision, to the maximum extent allowable, while drilling and after completion, together with a provision adjusting the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedures; and

G. Setting a 200% charge for the risk assumed by Cimarex in drilling and completing the well in the event a working interest owner elects not to participate in the well.

Respectfully submitted,

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***Application of Cimarex Energy Co. for a Horizontal Spacing and Proration Unit and Compulsory Pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.*** Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks an order from the Division: (1) creating a standard 480-acre, more or less, horizontal spacing and proration unit comprised of the E/2 W/2 of Sections 20, 29 and 32, Township 25 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, and (2) pooling all mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation, designated as an oil pool, underlying the unit. The proposed well to be dedicated to the horizontal spacing unit is the **Southern Hills 32-29-20 State Fed Com 2H Well**, an oil well, to be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the SE/4 SW/4 (Unit N) of Section 32 to a bottom hole location in the NE/4 NW/4 (Unit C) of Section 20. The well will be orthodox, and the take points and completed interval will comply with the setback requirements under the statewide Rules; also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing the well and the allocation of the costs thereof; actual operating costs and charges for supervision; the designation of the Applicant as Operator of the well and unit; and a 200% charge for the risk involved in drilling and completing the well. The well and lands are located approximately 3 miles south of Carlsbad, New Mexico, and 1 mile north of the state line.