

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

**APPLICATION OF RIDGE RUNNER
RESOURCES OPERATING, LLC FOR
EXTENSION TO COMMENCE DRILLING
OPERATIONS, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

**CASE NO. _____
ORDER NO. R-21586 (Re-Open)**

APPLICATION

Ridge Runner Resources Operating, LLC (“Applicant”) (OGRID No. 373013) files this application with the Oil Conservation Division (“Division”) for the limited purpose of amending Order No. R-21586 to extend the time to commence drilling operations to one year from the date of the amended order. In support of its application, Applicant states the following:

1. The Division entered Order No. R-21586 (“Order”) in Case No. 21477 on January 21, 2021.
2. The Order pooled all uncommitted mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation in a standard 480-acre horizontal spacing unit comprised of the SW/4 of Section 3 and the W/2 of Section 10, Township 20 South, Range 35 East in Lea County, New Mexico and dedicated the unit to the Thunderbird 3-10 Fed Com B #1H, 2H, 3H and 4H wells (“Wells”).
3. The Order designated Applicant as the operator of the Unit.
4. Paragraphs 19 and 20 of the Order require Applicant to commence drilling the Wells by January 21, 2022, one year from the date the Order was entered, unless Applicant obtains an extension from the Division Director for good cause shown.
5. Good cause exists for Applicant’s extension request due to delays in the issuance of drilling permits. Applicant intends to commence drilling the Wells in the first half of 2022.
6. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the Division extend the deadline to commence drilling the Wells to one year from the date an amended order is entered.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests this application be set for hearing on December 2, 2021, and after notice and hearing, the Division amend Order No. R-21586 to extend the time to commence drilling the Wells to one year from the date an amended order is entered.

Respectfully submitted,

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