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

## APPLICATION OF ALPHA ENERGY PARTNERS, LLC FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

## **APPLICATION**

Pursuant to NMSA § 70-2-17, Alpha Energy Partners, LLC ("Applicant") applies for an order pooling all uncommitted mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying a 320-acre, more or less, standard horizontal spacing unit comprised of the S/2N/2 of Sections 14 and 15, Township 18 South, Range 29 East, Eddy County, New Mexico ("Unit"). In support of its application, Applicant states the following:

1. Applicant (OGRID No. 330859) is a working interest owner in the Unit and has the right to drill wells thereon.

2. The Unit will be dedicated to the **Turkey Tango 14/15 Federal Com 122H** well ("Well") to be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the NE/4NE/4 (Unit A) of Section 14 to a bottom hole location in the SW/4NW/4 (Unit E) of Section 15.

3. The completed interval of the Well is orthodox.

4. Applicant has undertaken diligent, good-faith efforts to obtain voluntary agreements from all mineral interest owners to participate in the drilling of the Well but has been unable to obtain voluntary agreements from all the mineral interest owners.

5. The pooling of uncommitted mineral interests will avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste, and protect correlative rights.

6. In order to allow Applicant to obtain its just and fair share of the oil and gas underlying the subject lands, all uncommitted mineral interests in the Unit should be pooled and Applicant should be designated the operator of the Well and Unit. WHEREFORE, Applicant requests this application be set for hearing on December 2,

2021, and that after notice and hearing the Division enter an order:

- A. Pooling all uncommitted interests in the Unit;
- B. Approving the Well in the Unit;
- C. Designating Applicant as operator of the Unit and the Well to be drilled thereon;
- D. Authorizing Applicant to recover its costs of drilling, equipping and completing the Well;
- E. Approving the actual operating charges and costs of supervision while drilling and after completion, together with a provision adjusting the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedures; and
- F. Imposing a 200% penalty for the risk assumed by Applicant in drilling and completing the Well against any working interest owner who does not voluntarily participate in the drilling of the Well.

Respectfully submitted,

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