#### 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. 22321 ORDER NO. R-21586 (Re-Open)

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# **CONSOLIDATED PRE-HEARING STATEMENT**

Ridge Runner Resources Operating, LLC ("Applicant") submits this Consolidated Pre-

Hearing Statement pursuant to the rules of the Oil Conservation Division.

# **APPEARANCES**

APPLICANT Ridge Runner Resources Operating, LLC

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**INTERESTED PARTIES** 

No other parties of record.

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# **STATEMENT OF THE CASE**

In Case No. 22321, Applicant seeks an order amending Order No. R-21586 to extend the

time to commence drilling operations to one year from the date of the amended order. The Division

entered Order No. R-21586 ("Order") in Case No. 21477 on January 21, 2021. 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"). 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. Good cause exists for Applicant's extension request due delays in the issuance of drilling permits. Applicant intends to commence drilling the Wells in the first half of 2022. Applicant requests 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. The Wells are located approximately 13 miles west of Monument, New Mexico.

In Case No. 22322, Applicant seeks an order amending Order No. R-21587 to extend the time to commence drilling operations to one year from the date of the amended order. The Division entered Order No. R-21587 ("Order") in Case No. 21478 on January 21, 2021. The Order pooled all uncommitted mineral interests in the Wolfcamp 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 W #1H and 2H wells ("Wells"). The Order designated Applicant as the operator of the Unit. 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. Good cause exists for Applicant's extension request due to delays in the issuance of drilling permits. Applicant intends to commence drilling

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#### **PROPOSED EVIDENCE**

Witness	Occupation	<b>Estimated</b> Time	Exhibits
Michael Burke	Geologist	Affidavit	Approx. 4

#### **PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

Applicant requests the above-captioned cases be consolidated for hearing. Applicant will present its cases by affidavit if there is no opposition to its applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### QUESTIONS

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