APPLICATION OF CIMAREX ENERGY CO. TO AMEND ORDER NO. 21324-A, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO **CASE NO. 22263** 

**Examiner Docket: December 16, 2021** 

#### **CIMAREX ENERGY CO. EXHIBITS**



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CASE NO. 22263 ORDER NO. R-21324 and R-21324-A (Re-Open)

#### **SELF-AFFIRMED DECLARATION**

Riley Morris hereby states and declares as follows:

- 1. I am over the age of 18, I am a petroleum landman for Cimarex Energy Co. ("Cimarex") and I have personal knowledge of the matters stated herein. I have previously testified before the Oil Conservation Division ("Division") and I have been qualified by the Division as an expert petroleum landman.
- 2. My area of responsibility at Cimarex includes the area of Eddy County in New Mexico.
- 3. I am familiar with the application filed by Cimarex in this case, which is attached as **Exhibit 1**.
- 4. I submit the following information pursuant to NMAC 19.15.4.12.A(1) in support of the above referenced application.
  - 5. I am familiar with the status of the lands that are subject to this application.
- 6. The purpose of the application is to amend Order No. R-21324 and Order No. R-21324-A, to allow for a one-year extension of time to commence drilling the initial well under the Order.



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- 7. Order No. R-21324, attached as **Exhibit 2**, pooled uncommitted interest owners in a 320-acre (more or less) Bone Spring horizontal spacing unit comprised of the W/2 W/2 of Section 34, Township 25 South, Range 26 East, and the W/2 W/2 of Section 3, Township 26 South, Range 26 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.
  - 8. Order No. R-21324 designated Cimarex as the operator of the well and the unit.
- 9. This is Cimarex's second request for an extension of time. In February 2021, Cimarex requested that Order No. R-21324 be re-opened and amended to allow Cimarex additional time to commence drilling the initial well under the Order.
- 10. Order No. R-21324-A, attached as **Exhibit 3**, was entered on March 15, 2021 (in Case No. 21697), and granted Cimarex's application to extend the period of time to commence drilling the initial well under the Order until March 15, 2022. *See* Order ¶ 7.
- 11. As Cimarex explained in its application, there have been changes in Cimarex's drilling schedule due to COVID-19 and current market conditions.
- 12. Cimarex's operations and drilling activity continue to be impacted by COVID-19 and oil and gas market conditions, which continue to delay Cimarex's drilling plans.
  - 13. Cimarex is in good standing under the statewide rules and regulations.
- 14. Under Order No. R-21324-A, Cimarex would be required to commence drilling the initial well by March 15, 2022.
- 15. Cimarex asks that the deadline to commence drilling the initial well be extended for a year from March 15, 2022 to March 15, 2023.
- 16. Cimarex, through its counsel, notified all pooled parties of Cimarex's request to reopen Order No. R-21324-A for the purpose specified in the application. No opposition is expected because the pooled parties have been contacted, and have not indicated any opposition.

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- 17. EOG Resources, Inc. ("EOG") entered an appearance in this case, and I have communicated with EOG as recently as the week of December 6, 2021. In my recent communications with EOG. EOG did not indicate an objection to this case being presented by affidavit.
- 18. Proof of notification is attached as **Exhibit 4** to this Affidavit. Exhibit 4 shows the parties who were notified of this hearing, the status of whether they received notice, and an affidavit of publication from the Carlsbad Current-Argus newspaper, showing that notice of this hearing was published on October 21, 2021.
- 19. The attachments to this declaration were prepared by me, or compiled from company business records, or were prepared at my direction.
- 20. I attest under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of New Mexico that the information provided herein is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.
- 21. In my opinion, the granting of this application is in the interests of conservation and the prevention of waste.

I attest under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of New Mexico that the information provided herein is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Dated: December 3, 2021

Riley Morris

APPLICATION OF CIMAREX ENERGY CO. TO AMEND ORDER NO. 21324-A, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

CASE NO. ORDER NO. R-21324-A (Re-Open)

#### **APPLICATION**

Cimarex Energy Co. ("Cimarex"), OGRID Number 215099, through its undersigned attorneys, files this application with the Oil Conservation Division ("Division") for the limited purpose of amending Order No. R-21324-A to allow for a second extension of time for Cimarex to commence drilling the initial well under the Order. In support of this application, Cimarex states as follows:

- 1. Order No. R-21324 pooled uncommitted interest owners in a 320-acre, more or less, Bone Spring horizontal spacing unit comprised of the W/2 W/2 of Section 34, Township 25 South, Range 26 East, and the W/2 W/2 of Section 3, Township 26 South, Range 26 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.
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  - 3. The Division Hearing for Case No. 20783 was held on October 3, 2019.
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- 6. On March 15, 2021 (in Case No. 21697), the Division entered Order No. R-21324-A, in which the Division granted Cimarex's application to extend the period of time to commence drilling the initial well under the Order until March 15, 2022. *See* Order R-21324-A ¶ 7.



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grants, to amend Order R-21324 for good cause shown."

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Cimarex's drilling schedule due to COVID-19 and the then-existing market conditions.

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initial well by March 15, 2022.

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for a year from March 15, 2022 to March 15, 2023.

WHEREFORE, Cimarex requests this application be set for hearing before an Examiner

of the Oil Conservation Division on November 4, 2021, and after notice and hearing as required

by law, the Division amend Order No. R-21324-A to extend the time for Cimarex to commence

drilling the initial well under the Order for a year, through March 15, 2023.

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IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION FOR COMPULSORY POOLING SUBMITTED BY CIMAREX ENERGY CO.

CASE NO.	20783	
ORDER NO.	R-21324	

#### <u>ORDER</u>

The Director of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("OCD"), having heard this matter through a Hearing Examiner on October 3, 2019, and after considering the testimony, evidence, and recommendation of the Hearing Examiner, issues the following Order.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Cimarex Energy Co. ("Operator") submitted an application ("Application") to compulsory pool the uncommitted oil and gas interests within the spacing unit ("Unit") described in Exhibit A. The Unit is expected to be a standard horizontal spacing unit. 19.15.16.15(B) NMAC. Operator seeks to be designated the operator of the Unit.
- 2. Operator will dedicate the well(s) described in Exhibit A ("Well(s)") to the Unit.
- 3. Operator proposes the supervision and risk charges for the Well(s) described in Exhibit A.
- 4. Operator identified the owners of uncommitted interests in oil and gas minerals in the Unit and provided evidence that notice was given.
- 5. The Application was heard by the Hearing Examiner on the date specified above, during which Operator presented evidence through affidavits in support of the Application. No other party presented evidence at the hearing.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 6. OCD has jurisdiction to issue this Order pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 70-2-17.
- 7. Operator is the owner of an oil and gas working interest within the Unit.
- 8. Operator satisfied the notice requirements for the Application and the hearing as required by 19.15.4.12 NMAC.
- 9. OCD satisfied the notice requirements for the hearing as required by 19.15.4.9 NMAC.
- 10. Operator has the right to drill the Well(s) to a common source of supply at the depth(s) and location(s) in the Unit described in Exhibit A.

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- 11. The Unit contains separately owned uncommitted interests in oil and gas minerals.
- 12. Some of the owners of the uncommitted interests have not agreed to commit their interests to the Unit.
- 13. The pooling of uncommitted interests in the Unit will prevent waste and protect correlative rights, including the drilling of unnecessary wells.
- 14. This Order affords to the owner of an uncommitted interest the opportunity to produce his just and equitable share of the oil or gas in the pool.

#### <u>ORDER</u>

- 15. The uncommitted interests in the Unit are pooled as set forth in Exhibit A.
- 16. The Unit shall be dedicated to the Well(s) set forth in Exhibit A.
- 17. Operator is designated as operator of the Unit and the Well(s).
- 18. If the location of a well will be unorthodox under the spacing rules in effect at the time of completion, Operator shall obtain the OCD's approval for a non-standard location in accordance with 19.15.16.15(C) NMAC.
- 19. The Operator shall commence drilling the Well(s) within one year after the date of this Order, and complete each Well no later than one (1) year after the commencement of drilling the Well.
- 20. This Order shall terminate automatically if Operator fails to comply with Paragraph 19 unless Operator obtains an extension by an amendment of this Order for good cause shown.
- 21. The infill well requirements in 19.15.13.9 NMAC through 19.15.13.12 NMAC shall be applicable.
- 22. Operator shall submit to each owner of an uncommitted working interest in the pool ("Pooled Working Interest") an itemized schedule of estimated costs to drill, complete, and equip the well ("Estimated Well Costs").
- 23. No later than thirty (30) days after Operator submits the Estimated Well Costs, the owner of a Pooled Working Interest shall elect whether to pay its share of the Estimated Well Costs or its share of the actual costs to drill, complete and equip the well ("Actual Well Costs") out of production from the well. An owner of a Pooled Working Interest who elects to pay its share of the Estimated Well Costs shall render payment to Operator no later than thirty (30) days after the expiration of the election period, and shall be liable for operating costs, but not risk charges, for the well. An owner of a Pooled Working Interest who fails to pay its share of the Estimated Well Costs or who

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- elects to pay its share of the Actual Well Costs out of production from the well shall be considered to be a "Non-Consenting Pooled Working Interest."
- 24. No later than one hundred eighty (180) days after Operator submits a Form C-105 for a well, Operator shall submit to OCD and each owner of a Pooled Working Interest an itemized schedule of the Actual Well Costs. The Actual Well Costs shall be considered to be the Reasonable Well Costs unless OCD or an owner of a Pooled Working Interest files a written objection no later than forty-five (45) days after receipt of the schedule. If OCD or an owner of a Pooled Working Interest files a timely written objection, OCD shall determine the Reasonable Well Costs after public notice and hearing.
- 25. No later than sixty (60) days after the expiration of the period to file a written objection to the Actual Well Costs or OCD's order determining the Reasonable Well Costs, whichever is later, each owner of a Pooled Working Interest who paid its share of the Estimated Well Costs shall pay to Operator its share of the Reasonable Well Costs that exceed the Estimated Well Costs, or Operator shall pay to each owner of a Pooled Working Interest who paid its share of the Estimated Well Costs its share of the Estimated Well Costs that exceed the Reasonable Well Costs.
- 26. The reasonable charges for supervision to drill and produce a well ("Supervision Charges") shall not exceed the rates specified in Exhibit A, provided however that the rates shall be adjusted annually pursuant to the COPAS form entitled "Accounting Procedure-Joint Operations."
- 27. No later than within ninety (90) days after Operator submits a Form C-105 for a well, Operator shall submit to OCD and each owner of a Pooled Working Interest an itemized schedule of the reasonable charges for operating and maintaining the well ("Operating Charges"), provided however that Operating Charges shall not include the Reasonable Well Costs or Supervision Charges. The Operating Charges shall be considered final unless OCD or an owner of a Pooled Working Interest files a written objection no later than forty-five (45) days after receipt of the schedule. If OCD or an owner of a Pooled Working Interest files a timely written objection, OCD shall determine the Operating Charges after public notice and hearing.
- 28. Operator may withhold the following costs and charges from the share of production due to each owner of a Pooled Working Interest who paid its share of the Estimated Well Costs: (a) the proportionate share of the Supervision Charges; and (b) the proportionate share of the Operating Charges.
- 29. Operator may withhold the following costs and charges from the share of production due to each owner of a Non-Consenting Pooled Working Interest: (a) the proportionate share of the Reasonable Well Costs; (b) the proportionate share of the Supervision and Operating Charges; and (c) the percentage of the Reasonable Well Costs specified as the charge for risk described in Exhibit A.

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- 30. Operator shall distribute a proportionate share of the costs and charges withheld pursuant to paragraph 29 to each Pooled Working Interest that paid its share of the Estimated Well Costs.
- 31. Each year on the anniversary of this Order, and no later than ninety (90) days after each payout, Operator shall provide to OCD and each owner of a Non-Consenting Pooled Working Interest a schedule of the revenue attributable to a well and the Supervision and Operating Costs charged against that revenue.
- 32. Any cost or charge that is paid out of production shall be withheld only from the share due to an owner of a Pooled Working Interest. No cost or charge shall be withheld from the share due to an owner of a royalty interests. For the purpose of this Order, an unleased mineral interest shall consist of a seven-eighths (7/8) working interest and a one-eighth (1/8) royalty interest.
- 33. Except as provided above, Operator shall hold the revenue attributable to a well that is not disbursed for any reason for the account of the person(s) entitled to the revenue as provided in the Oil and Gas Proceeds Payment Act, NMSA 1978, Sections 70-10-1 *et seq.*, and relinquish such revenue as provided in the Uniform Unclaimed Property Act, NMSA 1978, Sections 7-8A-1 *et seq.*
- 34. The Unit shall terminate if (a) the owners of all Pooled Working Interests reach a voluntary agreement; or (b) the well(s) drilled on the Unit are plugged and abandoned in accordance with the applicable rules. Operator shall inform OCD no later than thirty (30) days after such occurrence.
- 35. OCD retains jurisdiction of this matter for the entry of such orders as may be deemed necessary.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

ADRIENNE SANDOVAL DIRECTOR

AES/jag

Date: 5/07/2020

CASE NO. 20783 ORDER NO. R-21324

#### Exhibit "A" Case No. 20783

Applicant: Cimarex Energy Co.

Operator: Cimarex Energy Co. (OGRID 215099)

Spacing Unit:

Horizontal Oil

Building Blocks: Spacing Unit Size: quarter-quarter sections 320 acres, more or less

Orientation of Unit:

North to South

Spacing Unit Description:

W/2 W/2 of Section 34, Township 25 South, Range 26 East, and W/2 W/2 of Section 3, Township

26 South, Range 26 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico

Pooling this Vertical Extent: Bone Spring Formation

Depth Severance? (Yes/No): No

Pool: WC-015 G-03 S252636M; Bone Spring Pool (ID: 97818)

Pool Spacing Unit Size:

quarter-quarter sections Horizontal Oil Well Rules

Governing Well Setbacks: Pool Rules:

Latest Horizontal Rules Apply.

**Proximity Tracts:** 

None Included

Monthly charge for supervision: While drilling: \$7000 While producing: \$700

As the charge for risk, 200 percent of reasonable well costs.

#### **Proposed Wells:**

#### Hayduke 34-3 Federal Com 8H

SHL: 270' FNL and 1584' FWL of Section 34, Township 25 South, Range 26 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.
BHL: 100' FSL and 1980' FWL of Section 3, Township 26 South, Range 26 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Completion Target: 2nd Bone Spring Sand at approx 7,300 feet TVD.

Well Orientation: North to South

Completion Location expected to be: standard

#### Hayduke 34-3 Federal Com 10H

SHL: 270' FNL and 1544' FWL of Section 34, Township 25 South, Range 26 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.
BHL: 100' FSL and 660' FWL of Section 3, Township 26 South, Range 26 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

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Completion Target: 3rd Bone Spring Carb at approx 7,680 feet TVD.

Well Orientation: North to South Completion Location expected to be: standard

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IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION FOR COMPULSORY POOLING SUBMITTED BY CIMAREX ENERGY CO.

CASE NO. 21697 ORDER NO. R-21324-A

#### **ORDER**

The Director of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("OCD"), having heard this matter through a Hearing Examiner on March 4, 2021, and after considering the testimony, evidence, and recommendation of the Hearing Examiner, issues the following Order.

#### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. Cimarex Energy Co., ("Operator"), submitted an application ("Application") requesting an extension to commence drilling the subject well as required by Order R-21324.
- 2. Operator identified the owners of uncommitted interests in oil and gas minerals in the Unit and provided evidence that notice of the Application was given.
- 3. The Application was heard by the Hearing Examiner, during which Operator presented evidence through affidavits in support of the Application. No other party presented evidence at the hearing.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 4. OCD has jurisdiction to issue this Order pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 70-2-17.
- 5. Operator satisfied the notice requirements for the Application and the hearing as required by 19.15.4.12 NMAC.
- 6. OCD satisfied the notice requirements for the hearing as required by 19.15.4.9 NMAC.

#### **ORDER**

- 7. The period to commence drilling the subject well is extended for one (1) year from the date of this Order.
- 8. This Order shall terminate automatically if Operator fails to comply with Paragraph 7 unless prior to termination Operator applies, and OCD grants, to amend Order R-21324 for good cause shown.
- 9. OCD retains jurisdiction of this matter for the entry of such orders as may be deemed necessary.

EXHIBIT 3 10. The remaining provisions of Order R-21324 remain in force or effect.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

ADRIENNE SANDOVAL DIRECTOR AES/kms Date: 3/15/2021

CASE NO. 21697 ORDER NO. R-21324-A

APPLICATION OF CIMAREX ENERGY CO. TO AMEND ORDER NO. R-21324-A,

EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

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ORDER NO. R-21324 and

R-21324-A (Re-Open)

APPLICATION OF CIMAREX ENERGY CO. TO AMEND ORDER NO. R-21325-A, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

**CASE NO. 22264** 

ORDER NO. R-21325 and

R-21325-A (Re-Open)

#### **AFFIDAVIT**

STATE OF NEW MEXICO	)
	) ss
COUNTY OF BERNALILLO	)

Deana M. Bennett, attorney in fact and authorized representative of Cimarex Energy Co., the Applicant herein, being first duly sworn, upon oath, states that the above-referenced Applications were provided under a notice letter, attached, and that proof of receipt is attached hereto. I also state that notice of the hearing was published in the Carlsbad Current-Argus on October 21, 2021, as reflected in the attached Affidavit of Publication.

Deana M. Bennett

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this  $\underline{lO}$  day of December, 2021 by Deana M. Bennett.

Notary Public

My commission expires: 02-27-25

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My Commission Expires:
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October 14, 2021

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#### <u>VIA CERTIFIED MAIL</u> RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Re: APPLICATION OF CIMAREX ENERGY CO TO AMEND ORDER NO. R-21324-A, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

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Re: APPLICATION OF CIMAREX ENERGY CO TO AMEND ORDER NO. R-21325-A, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

**CASE NO. 22264** 

TO: AFFECTED PARTIES

This letter is to advise you that Cimarex Energy Co. ("Cimarex") has filed the above-listed applications.

In Case No. 22263, Cimarex seeks an order from the Division for the limited purpose of amending Order No. R-21324-A to allow for a one-year extension of time to commence drilling the initial well under the Order. Order No. R-21324 pooled uncommitted interest owners in a 320-acre, more or less, Bone Spring horizontal spacing unit comprised of the W/2 W/2 of Section 34, Township 25 South, Range 26 East, and the W/2 W/2 of Section 3, Township 26 South, Range 26 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico. Said area is located approximately 8.5 miles southeast of Whites City, New Mexico.

In Case No. 22264, Cimarex seeks an order from the Division for the limited purpose of amending Order No. R-21325-A to allow for a one-year extension of time to commence drilling the initial well under the Order. Order No. R-21325 pooled uncommitted interest owners in a 320-acre, more or less, Bone Spring horizontal spacing unit comprised of the E/2 W/2 of Section 34, Township 25 South, Range 26 East, and the E/2 W/2 of Section 3, Township 26 South, Range 26 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico. Said area is located approximately 8.5 miles southeast of Whites City, New Mexico.

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During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, state buildings are closed to the public and hearings will be conducted remotely. The hearing will be conducted on November 4, 2021 beginning at 8:15 a.m. To participate in the electronic hearing, see the instructions posted on the docket for the hearing date: <a href="http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/OCD/hearings.html">http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/OCD/hearings.html</a>.

As a party who may be affected by these applications, we are notifying you of your right to appear at the hearing and participate in these cases, including the right to present evidence either in support of or in opposition to the applications. Failure to appear at the hearing may preclude you from any involvement in these cases at a later date.

You are further notified that if you desire to appear in these cases, then you are requested to file a Pre-Hearing Statement with the Division at least four business days in advance of a scheduled hearing before the Division or the Commission, but in no event later than 5:00 p.m. mountain time, on the Thursday preceding the scheduled hearing date, with a copy delivered to the undersigned.

Sincerely, Weller H Bennett

Deana M. Bennett

Attorney for Applicant

APPLICATION OF CIMAREX ENERGY CO. TO AMEND ORDER NO. 21324-A, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

CASE NO. 22263 ORDER NO. R-21324-A (Re-Open)

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APPLICATION OF CIMAREX ENERGY CO. TO AMEND ORDER NO. 21325-A, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

CASE NO. 22264 ORDER NO. R-21325-A (Re-Open)

#### **APPLICATION**

Cimarex Energy Co. ("Cimarex"), OGRID Number 215099, through its undersigned attorneys, files this application with the Oil Conservation Division ("Division") for the limited purpose of amending Order No. R-21325-A to allow for a second extension of time for Cimarex to commence drilling the initial well under the Order. In support of this application, Cimarex states as follows:

- 1. Order No. R-21325 pooled uncommitted interest owners in a 320-acre, more or less, Bone Spring horizontal spacing unit comprised of the E/2 W/2 of Section 34, Township 25 South, Range 26 East, and the E/2 W/2 of Section 3, Township 26 South, Range 26 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.
  - 2. Order No. R-21325 designated Cimarex as the operator of the wells and the unit.
  - 3. The Division Hearing for Case No. 20784 was held on October 3, 2019.
  - 4. The Division entered Order No. R-21325 in Case No. 20784 on May 7, 2020.
- 5. In February 2021, Cimarex requested that Order No. R-21325 be re-opened and amended to allow Cimarex additional time to commence drilling the initial well under the Order.
- 6. On March 15, 2021 (in Case No. 21698), the Division entered Order No. R-21325-A, in which the Division granted Cimarex's application to extend the period of time to commence drilling the initial well under the Order until March 15, 2022. *See* Order R-21325-A ¶ 7.

- 7. Order No. R-21325-A, ¶ 8 states: "This Order shall terminate automatically if Operator fails to comply with Paragraph 7 unless prior to termination Operation applies, and OCD grants, to amend Order R-21325 for good cause shown."
  - 8. Good cause exists for Cimarex's request for a second extension of time.
- 9. As Cimarex explained in its first extension request, there have been changes in Cimarex's drilling schedule due to COVID-19 and the then-existing market conditions.
- 10. Cimarex's operations and drilling activity continue to be impacted by COVID-19 and oil and gas market conditions, which continue to delay Cimarex's drilling plans.
- 11. Under Order No. R-21325-A, Cimarex would be required to commence drilling the initial well by March 15, 2022.
- 12. Cimarex asks that the deadline to commence drilling the initial well be extended for a year from March 15, 2022 to March 15, 2023.

WHEREFORE, Cimarex requests this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on November 4, 2021, and after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division amend Order No. R-21325-A to extend the time for Cimarex to commence drilling the initial well under the Order for a year, through March 15, 2023.

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Robert N. Enfield Revocable Trust; Conrad E. Coffield & Mona L. Coffield; Bryan Bell Family Limited Partnership clo Frank Robert Januso; DMA Inc. Charmar LLC c/o Vikki H. Smith: Richard C. Deason; Thomas C. Deason; Ronald H. Mayer, Trustee. Ronald H. Mayer & Martha M. Mayer Trust; SAP JLC; Howard H. Rubin Inc; Rubie C. Bell Family Limited Partnership c/o Frank Robert Janusa; Jerune Allen; Chevron U.S.A. Inc.; Irvin E. Vinnik; Celeste Grynberg of Crmarex Energy Co.'s (Re-Open) Application to Amend Order No. R-21325-A. Eddy County, New Mexico. The State of New Mexico. The State of New Mexico. The State of New Mexico. Through Its Off Conservation Division, hereby gives notice that the Division will conduct a public hearing at 8:15 a.m. on November 4, 2021, to consider this application. Applicant seeks an order from the Division for the limited purpose of amending Order No. R-21325-A to allow for a one-year extension of time to commence drilling the initial well under the Order, Order No. R-21325 pooled uncommitted interest owners in a 320-acre, more or less, Bone Spring horizontal spacing unit comprised of the E/2 W/2 of Section 34, Township 25 South, Range 26 East, and the E/2 W/2 of Section 3, Township 26 South, Range 26 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico. Said area is located approximately 8.5 miles southeast of Whites City, New Mexico.