

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

**APPLICATION OF MATADOR PRODUCTION
COMPANY FOR COMPULSORY POOLING,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

CASE NO. _____

APPLICATION

Matador Production Company (“Matador” or “Applicant”), through its undersigned attorneys, hereby files this application with the Oil Conservation Division pursuant to the provisions of NMSA 1978, § 70-2-17, for an order pooling all uncommitted interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying a standard 320-acre, more or less, horizontal well spacing unit comprised of the W/2 W/2 of Sections 26 and 35, Township 18 South, Range 33 East (NMPM), Lea County New Mexico. In support of its application, Matador states:

1. An affiliate entity of Matador (OGRID No. 228937) is a working interest owner in the proposed horizontal spacing unit and has the right to drill thereon.
2. Applicant seeks to initially dedicate the above-referenced horizontal spacing unit to the proposed **English Buffalo 35 26 Fed Com 111H** and **English Buffalo 35 26 Fed Com 121H** wells to be drilled from a surface location in the SW/4 SW/4 of Section 35 to a proposed bottom hole location in the NW/4 NW/4 of Section 26.
3. Applicant has sought and been unable to obtain voluntary agreement for the development of these lands from all working interest owners in the subject spacing unit.
4. The pooling of interests will avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, will prevent waste, and will protect correlative rights.

5. To allow Applicant to obtain its just and fair share of the oil and gas underlying the subject lands, all uncommitted interests in this horizontal spacing unit should be pooled, and Applicant should be designated the operator of the proposed horizontal wells and this horizontal spacing unit.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that this matter be set for hearing on March 3, 2022, before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division, and, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order:

- A. Pooling all uncommitted interests in the proposed horizontal well spacing unit and approving the initial wells thereon;
- B. Designating Applicant as operator of this spacing unit and the horizontal wells to be drilled thereon;
- C. Authorizing Applicant to recover its costs of drilling, equipping, and completing the wells;
- D. 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
- E. Imposing a 200% charge for the risk assumed by Applicant in drilling and completing the wells against any working interest owner who does not voluntarily participate in the drilling of the wells.

Respectfully submitted,

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**ATTORNEYS FOR MATADOR PRODUCTION
COMPANY**

CASE _____: Application of Matador Production Company for Compulsory Pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks an order pooling all uncommitted interest owners in the Bone Spring formation underlying a standard 320-acre, more or less, horizontal well spacing unit comprised of the W/2 W/2 of Sections 26 and 35, Township 18 South, Range 33 East (NMPM), Lea County New Mexico. The above-referenced unit will be initially dedicated to the proposed **English Buffalo 35 26 Fed Com 111H** and **English Buffalo 35 26 Fed Com 121H** wells to be drilled from a surface location in the SW/4 SW/4 of Section 35 to a proposed bottom hole location in the NW/4 NW/4 of Section 26. Also, to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing the wells and the allocation of the cost thereof, operating costs and charges for supervision, the designation of applicant as operator, and a 200% charge for risk involved in drilling and completing the wells. Said area is located approximately 12 miles Southeast of Maljamar, New Mexico.