# **BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION EXAMINER HEARING March 3, 2022**

# APPLICATION OF CIMAREX ENERGY CO. OF COLORADO TO REOPEN CASE NOS. 22145 AND 22146 FOR A HORIZONTAL SPACING UNIT AND COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

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**Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado** 

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

# APPLICATION OF CIMAREX ENERGY CO. OF COLORADO TO REOPEN CASE NO. 22145 (ORDER NO. R-21892) FOR A HORIZONTAL SPACING UNIT AND COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_ Reopen Case No. 22145; Order No. R-21892

#### **APPLICATION**

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado ("Cimarex"), OGRID No. 162683, through its undersigned attorneys, hereby files this Application with the Oil Conservation Division ("Division") pursuant to the provisions of NMSA 1978, Section 70-2-17, for an order to reopen Case No. 22145 to provide Cimarex the opportunity to cure a deficiency in letter notice in regard to one (1) working interest owner.

In support of its Application, Cimarex states the following:

1. On August 10, 2021, Cimarex filed an Application for a Horizontal Spacing Unit and Compulsory Pooling ("Application") seeking: the approval of a standard 320-acre, more or less, spacing and proration unit comprised of the N/2 S/2 of Sections 16 and 17, Township 19 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico ("Subject Lands"); the pooling of all uncommitted mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying the proposed unit; the approval of the **Parkway 16-17 State Com 3H Well** as the well for the unit; the designation of Cimarex as operator of this unit and the horizontal well to be drilled thereon; the authorization for Cimarex to recover its costs of drilling, equipping, and completing the well; the approval of actual operating charges and costs of supervision, to the maximum extent allowable, while drilling and after completion, together with a provision adjusting the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedures; and setting a 200% charge for the risk assumed by Cimarex in drilling and completing the well in the event a working interest owner elects not to participate in the well.

2. The Application was heard by the Hearing Examiner on October 7, 2021, during which Cimarex presented evidence through affidavits in support of the Application. No other party made an appearance or presented evidence at the hearing.

3. On October 22, 2021, the Division issued **Order No. R-21892** granting Cimarex's Application, pooling uncommitted interests in the unit and designating Cimarex as operator of the unit and well.

4. After the Division issued **Order No. R-21892**, Cimarex has become aware of an oversight to provide letter notice pursuant to NMAC 19.15.4.9 to Colgate Energy and its subsidiary Colgate Operating, LLC (collectively "Colgate"), who had subsequently acquired a minority working interest in the unit by assignment from Crump Energy Partners III, LLC ("Crump Energy") and Crown Oil Partners VI, LLC ("Crown"), the owners listed in the original title work.

5. In retrospect, Cimarex recognizes that it should have provided letter notice to Colgate but had inadvertently utilized an outdated mailing list and the letter notice that should have been mailed to Colgate was, by unintentional oversight, mailed to Crump Energy and Crown instead.

6. In the original hearing, Colgate was correctly listed as a Working Interest Owner in the Ownership Breakdown provided to the Division as Exhibit "A-2" in Cimarex's Hearing Packet; and therefore, Colgate's minority interest was accounted for in the proceedings and pooled, subject to the curing of the oversight involving the letter notice, as sought by Cimarex herein.

7. Colgate was notified of Cimarex's Application via email and phone correspondence as reported in the Communication Status of Uncommitted Owners provided to the Division as Exhibit "A-4" in Cimarex's Hearing Packet, but Cimarex desires to cure the oversight of the notice

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letter requirement as described herein.

WHEREFORE, Cimarex respectfully requests that this Application to Reopen Case No. 22145 be set for hearing on March 3, 2022, and after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order:

A. Acknowledging and affirming that the notice letter to Colgate, as a working interest owner of record, pursuant to NMAC 19.15.4.9 and this Application to Reopen, has been properly sent and received pursuant to this Application; and therefore, the notice requirement due Colgate for the pooling of the Subject Lands described herein has been satisfied.

B. Affirming and upholding the validity, effectiveness, and applicability of the Division's Pooling **Order No. R-21892**, as issued, for the proper pooling of the Subject Lands and granting to Cimarex the operating rights to the unit and well described herein pursuant to said Order.

Respectfully submitted, ABADIE & SCHILL, PC /s/ Darin C. Savage

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#### **Attorneys for Applicant**

Application of Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado to Reopen Case No. 22145 (Order No. R-21892) for a Horizontal Spacing and Proration Unit and Compulsory Pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks to reopen Case No. 22145 for purposes of curing notice due to one working interest owner, Colgate Energy and its subsidiary Colgate Operating, LLC ("Colgate"). Division Order No. R-21892 was issued pooling the Bone Spring formation underlying the N/2 S/2 of Section 16 and 17, Township 19 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, and dedicating the Parkway 16-17 State Com 3H Well to the unit. Cimarex seeks an order affirming proper notice to Colgate and the continued validity and effectiveness of Order No. R-21892, granting Cimarex operatorship of the unit and well. The well and lands are located approximately 14 miles northeast of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

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

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### IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION FOR COMPULSORY POOLING SUBMITTED BY CIMAREX ENERGY COMPANY OF COLORADO

CASE NO. 22145 ORDER NO. R-21892

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

The Director of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("OCD"), having heard this matter through a Hearing Examiner on October 7, 2021, and after considering the testimony, evidence, and recommendation of the Hearing Examiner, issues the following Order.

# FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Cimarex Energy Company of Colorado ("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.
- 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 amending 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 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 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 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 an owner of a Pooled Working Interest files a written objection no later than forty-five (45) days after receipt of the schedule. If 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 that exceed the Estimated Well Costs its share of the Estimated Well Costs that exceed the Reasonable 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 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 an owner of a Pooled Working Interest files a written objection no later than forty-five (45) days after receipt of the schedule. If 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.

- 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 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.

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# Exhibit A

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ALL INFORMATION IN THE APPLICATION MUST BE SUPPORTED BY SIGNED AFFIDAVITS		
Case: 22145	APPLICANT'S RESPONSE	
Date	October 5, 2021	
Applicant	Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado	
Designated Operator & OGRID (affiliation if applicable)	162683	
Applicant's Counsel:	Darin C. Savage - Abadie & Schill, PC	
Case Title:	Application of Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado for a Horizontal Spacing Unit and Compulsary Pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico	
Entries of Appearance/Intervenors:	N/a	
Well Family	Parkway	
Formation/Pool		
Formation Name(s) or Vertical Extent:	Bone Spring	
Primary Product (Oil or Gas):	Oil	
Pooling this vertical extent:	Exhibit B-2; TVD approx. 8,960'	
Pool Name and Pool Code:	Parkway; Bone Spring, West [Code: 98199]	
Well Location Setback Rules:	NMAC statewide rules apply	
Spacing Unit Size:	320 acres, more or less	
Spacing Unit		
Type (Horizontal/Vertical)	Horizontal	
Size (Acres)	320 acres, more or less	
Building Blocks:	quarter quarter sections (40 ac tracts)	
Orientation:	east - west	
Description: TRS/County	N/2 S/2 of Sections 16 and 17, Township 19 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico	
Standard Horizontal Well Spacing Unit (Y/N), If No, describe	Yes	
Other Situations		
Depth Severance: Y/N. If yes, description	No	
Proximity Tracts: If yes, description	No	
Proximity Defining Well: if yes, description	No	
Applicant's Ownership in Each Tract	See Landman Exhibit A-2	
Well(s)		

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Name & API (if assigned), surface and bottom hole	
location, footages, completion target, orientation,	
completion status (standard or non-standard) Well #1	Parkway 16-17 State Com 3H Well (API No. 30-015-
	pending), SHL: Unit L, 1,380' FSL, 390' FWL, Section 15, T19S-R29E, NMPM; BHL: Unit L, 2,016' FSL, 100' FWL Section 17, T19S-R29E, NMPM,laydown, standard location
Horizontal Well First and Last Take Points	Parkway 16-17 State Com 3H Well: FTP 2,016' FSL, 100' FEL, Section 16; LTP 2,016' FSL, 100' FWL, Section 17
Completion Target (Formation, TVD and MD)	Parkway 16-17 State Com 3H Well: TVD approx. 8,960', TMD approx. 19,660'; Bone Spring Formation, See Exhibi B-2
AFE Capex and Operating Costs	
Drilling Supervision/Month \$	\$8,000, Exhibit A
Production Supervision/Month \$	\$800, Exhibit A
Justification for Supervision Costs	Exhibit A
Requested Risk Charge	200%, Exhibit A
Notice of Hearing	
Proposed Notice of Hearing	Exhibit C, C-1
Proof of Mailed Notice of Hearing (20 days before hearing)	Exhibit C-2
Proof of Published Notice of Hearing (10 days before hearing)	Exhibit C-3
Ownership Determination	
Land Ownership Schematic of the Spacing Unit	Exhibit A-2
Tract List (including lease numbers and owners)	Exhibit A-2
Pooled Parties (including ownership type)	Exhibit A-2
Unlocatable Parties to be Pooled	Exhibit A
Ownership Depth Severance (including percentage above & below)	Exhibit A-2, N/a
Joinder	
Sample Copy of Proposal Letter	Exhibit A-3
List of Interest Owners (ie Exhibit A of JOA)	Exhibit A-2
Chronology of Contact with Non-Joined Working Interests	Exhibit A-4
Overhead Rates In Proposal Letter	Exhibit A-3
Cost Estimate to Drill and Complete	Exhibit A-3
Cost Estimate to Equip Well	Exhibit A-3

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Cost Estimate for Production Facilities	Exhibit A-3
Geology	
Summary (including special considerations)	Exhibit B
Spacing Unit Schematic	Exhibit B-1
Gunbarrel/Lateral Trajectory Schematic	Exhibit B-4
Well Orientation (with rationale)	Exhibit B, B-1
Target Formation	Exhibit B, B-2
HSU Cross Section	Exhibit B-2, B-4, B-5
Depth Severance Discussion	Exhibit B
Forms, Figures and Tables	
C-102	Exhibit A-1
Tracts	Exhibit A-1, A-2, B-1
Summary of Interests, Unit Recapitulation (Tracts)	Exhibit A-2
General Location Map (including basin)	Exhibit A-2
Well Bore Location Map	Exhibit B-1, B-4
Structure Contour Map - Subsea Depth	Exhibit B-1
Cross Section Location Map (including wells)	Exhibit B-2, B-5
Cross Section (including Landing Zone)	Exhibit B-2, B-4, B-5
Additional Information	
Special Provisions/Stipulations	
CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the information p	provided in this checklist is complete and accurate.
Printed Name (Attorney or Party Representative):	Darin C. Savage
Signed Name (Attorney or Party Representative):	1 th
Date: 10/5/2021	

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### IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION FOR COMPULSORY POOLING SUBMITTED BY CIMAREX ENERGY COMPANY OF COLORADO

CASE NO. 22146 ORDER NO. R-21893

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- 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 that exceed the Estimated Well Costs its share of the Estimated Well Costs that exceed the Reasonable 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 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 an owner of a Pooled Working Interest files a written objection no later than forty-five (45) days after receipt of the schedule. If 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.

- 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 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.



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# Exhibit A

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ALL INFORMATION IN THE APPLICATION MUST BE SUPPORTED BY SIGNED AFFIDAVITS		
Case: 22146	APPLICANT'S RESPONSE	
Date	October 5, 2021	
Applicant	Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado	
Designated Operator & OGRID (affiliation if applicable)	162683	
Applicant's Counsel:	Darin C. Savage - Abadie & Schill, PC	
Case Title:	Application of Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado for a Horizontal Spacing Unit and Compulsary Pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico	
Entries of Appearance/Intervenors:	N/a	
Well Family	Parkway	
Formation/Pool		
Formation Name(s) or Vertical Extent:	Bone Spring	
Primary Product (Oil or Gas):	Oil	
Pooling this vertical extent:	Exhibit B-2; TVD approx.8,960'	
Pool Name and Pool Code:	Parkway; Bone Spring, West [Code: 98199]	
Well Location Setback Rules:	NMAC statewide rules apply	
Spacing Unit Size:	160 acres, more or less	
Spacing Unit		
Type (Horizontal/Vertical)	Horizontal	
Size (Acres)	160 acres, more or less	
Building Blocks:	quarter quarter sections (40 ac tracts)	
Orientation:	east - west	
Description: TRS/County	S/2 S/2 of Section 16, Township 19 South, Range 29 East NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico	
Standard Horizontal Well Spacing Unit (Y/N), If No, describe	Yes	
Other Situations		
Depth Severance: Y/N. If yes, description	No	
Proximity Tracts: If yes, description	No	
Proximity Defining Well: if yes, description	No	
Applicant's Ownership in Each Tract	See Landman Exhibit A-2	
Well(s)		
Name & API (if assigned), surface and bottom hole location, footages, completion target, orientation, completion status (standard or non-standard)		

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Well #1	Parkway 16 State Com 4H Well (API No. 30-015-pending), SHL: Unit L, 1,360' FSL, 390' FWL, Section 15, T19S-R29E, NMPM; BHL: Unit M, 802' FSL, 100' FWL, Section 16, T19S- R29E, laydown, standard location	
Horizontal Well First and Last Take Points	Parkway 16 State Com 4H Well: FTP 802' FSL, 100' FEL, Section 16; LTP 802' FSL, 100' FWL, Section 16	
Completion Target (Formation, TVD and MD)	Parkway 16 State Com 4H Well: TVD approx. 8,960', TMD 14,380'; Bone Spring Formation, See Exhibit B-2	
AFE Capex and Operating Costs		
Drilling Supervision/Month \$	\$8,000, Exhibit A	
Production Supervision/Month \$	\$800, Exhibit A	
Justification for Supervision Costs	Exhibit A	
Requested Risk Charge	200%, Exhibit A	
Notice of Hearing		
Proposed Notice of Hearing	Exhibit C, C-1	
Proof of Mailed Notice of Hearing (20 days before hearing)	Exhibit C-2	
Proof of Published Notice of Hearing (10 days before hearing)	Exhibit C-3	
Ownership Determination		
Land Ownership Schematic of the Spacing Unit	Exhibit A-2	
Tract List (including lease numbers and owners)	Exhibit A-2	
Pooled Parties (including ownership type)	Exhibit A-2	
Unlocatable Parties to be Pooled	Exhibit A	
Ownership Depth Severance (including percentage above & below)	Exhibit A-2, N/a	
Joinder		
Sample Copy of Proposal Letter	Exhibit A-3	
List of Interest Owners (ie Exhibit A of JOA)	Exhibit A-2	
Chronology of Contact with Non-Joined Working Interests	Exhibit A-4	
Overhead Rates In Proposal Letter	Exhibit A-3	
Cost Estimate to Drill and Complete	Exhibit A-3	
Cost Estimate to Equip Well	Exhibit A-3	
Cost Estimate for Production Facilities	Exhibit A-3	
Geology		
Summary (including special considerations)	Exhibit B	

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Spacing Unit Schematic	Exhibit B-1
Gunbarrel/Lateral Trajectory Schematic	Exhibit B-4
Well Orientation (with rationale)	Exhibit B, B-1
Target Formation	Exhibit B, B-2
HSU Cross Section	Exhibit B-2, B-4, B-5
Depth Severance Discussion	Exhibit B
Forms, Figures and Tables	
C-102	Exhibit A-1
Tracts	Exhibit A-1, A-2, B-1
Summary of Interests, Unit Recapitulation (Tracts)	Exhibit A-2
General Location Map (including basin)	Exhibit A-2
Well Bore Location Map	Exhibit B-1, B-4
Structure Contour Map - Subsea Depth	Exhibit B-1
Cross Section Location Map (including wells)	Exhibit B-2, B-5
Cross Section (including Landing Zone)	Exhibit B-2, B-4, B-5
Additional Information	~
Special Provisions/Stipulations	
CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the information pr	ovided in this checklist is complete and accurate.
Printed Name (Attorney or Party Representative):	Darin C. Savage
Signed Name (Attorney or Party Representative):	LOL
Date: 10/5/2021	

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

# APPLICATION OF CIMAREX ENERGY CO. OF COLORADO FOR A HORIZONTAL SPACING UNIT AND COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Case No. 22145

#### **APPLICATION**

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado ("Cimarex"), OGRID No. 162683, through its undersigned attorneys, hereby files this Application with the Oil Conservation Division ("Division") pursuant to the provisions of NMSA 1978, Section 70-2-17, for an order (1) creating a standard 320-acre, more or less, spacing and proration unit comprised of the N/2 S/2 of Sections 16 and 17, Township 19 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, and (2) pooling all uncommitted mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying said unit.

In support of its Application, Cimarex states the following:

1. Cimarex is a working interest owner in the proposed horizontal spacing and proration unit ("HSU") and has a right to drill a well thereon.

Cimarex proposes and dedicates to the HSU the Parkway 16-17 State Com 3H
 Well as an initial well.

3. Cimarex proposes the **Parkway 16-17 State Com 3H Well**, an oil well, to be horizontally drilled from a surface location in NW/4 SW/4 (Unit L) of Section 15 to a bottom hole location in the NW/4 SW/4 (Unit L) of Section 17.

4. The proposed well is orthodox in its location, and the take points and completed interval comply with setback requirements under the Statewide rules.

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5. Cimarex has sought in good faith, but has been unable to obtain, voluntary agreement from all interest owners to participate in the drilling of the well or in the commitment of their interests to the well for its development within the proposed HSU.

6. The pooling of all interests in the Bone Spring formation within the proposed HSU, and creation of the spacing unit, will avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

7. In order to provide for its just and fair share of the oil and gas underlying the subject lands, Cimarex requests that all uncommitted interests in this HSU be pooled and that Cimarex be designated the operator of the proposed horizontal well and HSU.

WHEREFORE, Cimarex requests that this Application be set for hearing on September 9, 2021, before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division, and after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order:

A. Approving the creation of a standard 320-acre, more or less, spacing and proration unit comprised of the N/2 S/2 of Sections 16 and 17, Township 19 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico;

B. Pooling all uncommitted mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying the proposed HSU.

C. Approving the **Parkway 16-17 State Com 3H Well** as the well for the HSU.

D. Designating Cimarex as operator of this HSU and the horizontal well to be drilled thereon;

E. Authorizing Cimarex to recover its costs of drilling, equipping, and completing the well;

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- F. Approving actual operating charges and costs of supervision, to the maximum extent allowable, while drilling and after completion, together with a provision adjusting the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedures; and
  - G. Setting a 200% charge for the risk assumed by Cimarex in drilling and completing

the well in the event a working interest owner elects not to participate in the well.

Respectfully submitted,

ABADIE & SCHILL, PC

/s/ Darin C. Savage

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**Attorneys for Applicant** 

# Application of Cimarex Energy Co. for a Horizontal Spacing and Proration Unit and

**Compulsory Pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.** Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks an order from the Division: (1) creating a standard 320-acre, more or less, spacing and proration unit comprised of the N/2 S/2 of Sections 16 and 17, Township 19 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, and (2) pooling all mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying the unit. The proposed well to be dedicated to the horizontal spacing unit is the **Parkway 16-17 State Com 3H Well**, an oil well, to be horizontally drilled from a surface location in NW/4 SW/4 (Unit L) of Section 15 to a bottom hole location in the NW/4 SW/4 (Unit L) of Section 17. The well will be orthodox, and the take points and completed interval will comply with the setback requirements under the statewide Rules; also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing the well and the allocation of the Applicant as Operator of the well and unit; and a 200% charge for the risk involved in drilling and completing the well. The well and lands are located approximately 2.5 miles southeast of Artesia, New Mexico.

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

# APPLICATION OF CIMAREX ENERGY CO. OF COLORADO FOR A HORIZONTAL SPACING UNIT AND COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Case No. 22146

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# **TAB 2**

Exhibit A:Affidavit of Riley Morris, LandmanExhibit A-1:Order No. R-21892Exhibit A-2:Order No. R-21893

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

# APPLICATION OF CIMAREX ENERGY CO. OF COLORADO TO REOPEN CASE NO. 22145 (ORDER NO. R-21892) FOR A HORIZONTAL SPACING UNIT AND COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

**Case No. 22577;** Reopen Case No. 22145; Order No. R-21892

# APPLICATION OF CIMAREX ENERGY CO. OF COLORADO TO REOPEN CASE NO. 22146 (ORDER NO. R-21893) FOR A HORIZONTAL SPACING UNIT AND COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

Case No. 22578; Reopen Case No. 22146; Order No. R-21893

# **AFFIDAVIT OF RILEY MORRIS**

STATE OF TEXAS	)
	) ss.
COUNTY OF MIDLAND	)

I, being duly sworn on oath, state the following:

1. I am over the age of eighteen years and have the capacity to execute this Affidavit, which

is based on my personal knowledge.

2. I am employed as a Landman with Cimarex Energy Co. ("Cimarex"), and I am familiar with the subject application and the lands involved.

3. I graduated in 2010 from the Texas Tech University with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration with an emphasis on Energy Commerce. I have worked at Cimarex for approximately 3 years, and I have been working in New Mexico for 3 years. My credentials as a petroleum landman have been accepted by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division") and made a matter of record.

4. This affidavit is submitted in connection with the filing by Cimarex of the above-referenced applications in Case Nos. 22577 and 22578, to reopen Case Nos. 22145 and 22146, in order to provide Cimarex the opportunity to cure an oversight in letter notice in regard to a single minority working interest owner.

5. Following a hearing on October 7, 2021, the Division issued Order Nos. R-21892 and R-21893. In Order No. 21892, the Division approved a standard 160-acre, more or less, spacing and proration unit comprised of the N/2 S/2 of Section 16, Township 19 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico; pooled all uncommitted mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying the unit; approved the Parkway 16-17 State Com 3H Well as the well dedicated to the unit; designated Cimarex the operator of the unit and the well; authorized Cimarex to recover its costs of drilling, equipping, and completing the well; approved the actual operating charges and costs of supervision, to the maximum extent allowable, while drilling and after completion, together with a provision adjusting the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedures; and set a 200% charge for the risk assumed by Cimarex in drilling and completing the well in the event a working interest owner elects not to participate in the well. In Order No. R-**21893**, the Division granted all of the above for the standard 160-acre, more or less, spacing and proration unit comprised of the S/2 S/2 of Section 16, Township 19 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico (collectively with the above unit referred to herein as "Subject Lands") and the Parkway 16 State Com 4H Well dedicated to said unit.

6. After the Division entered **Order Nos. 21892** and **21893**, Cimarex became aware of a oversight to provide letter notice to Colgate Energy and its subsidiary Colgate Operating, LLC

(collectively "Colgate"). Colgate had acquired a small amount working interest in the unit by assignment from Crump Energy Partners III, LLC ("Crump Energy") and Crown Oil Partners VI, LLC ("Crown"). These two prior owners were sent and received the letter notice that should have been sent to Colgate. This oversight was caused by an unintentional delay in updating the mailing list used in the cases referenced herein.

7. While Colgate was not provided with letter notice, its interest was accounted for in the pooling. Our records show the transition of the interest from Crump Energy and Crown to Colgate, and Colgate was correctly listed as a Working Interest Owner in the Ownership Breakdown provided in Cimarex's Hearing Packet. Moreover, Colgate was notified of Cimarex's Applications via email and phone correspondence as reported in the Communication Status of Uncommitted Owners report in Cimarex's Hearing Packet. Despite Colgate's interest being accounted for in the proceeding, Cimarex desires to cure the oversight of the notice letter requirement as described herein. *See* Cimarex's Exhibits A-2 and A-4 in Case Nos. 22145 and 22146.

8. Cimarex respectfully asks that the Division enter an order acknowledging that the notice letter to Colgate, as a working interest owner of record, has been properly sent and received pursuant to the application in the present case, and therefore, the notice requirement due Colgate for the pooling of the Subject Lands described herein has been satisfied. Moreover, Cimarex asks that the order affirm the validity of the Division's Pooling **Order Nos. R-21892** and **R-21893**, for the proper pooling of the Subject Lands and granting Cimarex the operating rights to the Units and Wells described herein pursuant to said Order. *See* Exhibits A-1 and A-2 for copies of the orders, attached hereto.

9. Cimarex, through its counsel, timely notified Colgate of Cimarex's request to re-open the cases described herein for the purpose of providing letter notice to Colgate and to provide

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Colgate its due process rights of addressing ay concerns it may have at hearing. See Exhibit B-

1. No objections have been made, and Cimarex does not anticipate any.

10. The granting of this Application is in the best interests of conservation, the prevention of waste, and the protection of correlative rights, and will avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells.

11. The foregoing is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

# [Signature page follows]

# FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT

Kiley Morris

Subscribed to and sworn before me this  $\frac{28}{28}$  day of February 2022.



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**EXHIBIT** 

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

### IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION FOR COMPULSORY POOLING SUBMITTED BY CIMAREX ENERGY COMPANY OF COLORADO

CASE NO. 22145 ORDER NO. R-21892

## <u>ORDER</u>

The Director of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("OCD"), having heard this matter through a Hearing Examiner on October 7, 2021, and after considering the testimony, evidence, and recommendation of the Hearing Examiner, issues the following Order.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Cimarex Energy Company of Colorado ("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.

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- 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.
- 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 amending 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 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

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- 24. No later than one hundred eighty (180) days after Operator submits a Form C-105 for a well, Operator shall submit to 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 an owner of a Pooled Working Interest files a written objection no later than forty-five (45) days after receipt of the schedule. If 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 that exceed the Estimated Well Costs its share of the Estimated Well Costs that exceed the Reasonable Well Costs its share of the Estimated Well Costs that exceed the Reasonable Well Costs.
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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.

- 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.
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- 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.

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Date: 10/22/2021

## Exhibit A

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Case: 22145	APPLICANT'S RESPONSE						
Date	October 5, 2021						
Applicant	Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado						
Designated Operator & OGRID (affiliation if applicable)	162683						
Applicant's Counsel:	Darin C. Savage - Abadie & Schill, PC						
Case Title:	Application of Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado for a Horizontal Spacing Unit and Compulsary Pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico						
Entries of Appearance/Intervenors:	N/a						
Well Family	Parkway						
Formation/Pool							
Formation Name(s) or Vertical Extent:	Bone Spring						
Primary Product (Oil or Gas):	Oil						
Pooling this vertical extent:	Exhibit B-2; TVD approx, 8,960'						
Pool Name and Pool Code:	Parkway; Bone Spring, West [Code: 98199]						
Well Location Setback Rules:	NMAC statewide rules apply						
Spacing Unit Size:	320 acres, more or less						
Spacing Unit							
Type (Horizontal/Vertical)	Horizontal						
Size (Acres)	320 acres, more or less						
Building Blocks:	quarter quarter sections (40 ac tracts)						
Orientation:	east - west						
Description: TRS/County	N/2 S/2 of Sections 16 and 17, Township 19 South, Ran 29 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico						
Standard Horizontal Well Spacing Unit (Y/N), If No, describe	Yes						
Other Situations							
Depth Severance: Y/N. If yes, description	No						
Proximity Tracts: If yes, description	No						
Proximity Defining Well: if yes, description	No						
Applicant's Ownership in Each Tract	See Landman Exhibit A-2						

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Name & API (if assigned), surface and bottom hole							
location, footages, completion target, orientation, completion status (standard or non-standard)							
Well #1	Parkway 16-17 State Com 3H Well (API No. 30-015- pending), SHL: Unit L, 1,380' FSL, 390' FWL, Section 15, T19S-R29E, NMPM; BHL: Unit L, 2,016' FSL, 100' FWL Section 17, T19S-R29E, NMPM,laydown, standard location						
Horizontal Well First and Last Take Points	Parkway 16-17 State Com 3H Well: FTP 2,016' FSL, 100' FEL, Section 16; LTP 2,016' FSL, 100' FWL, Section 17						
Completion Target (Formation, TVD and MD)	Parkway 16-17 State Com 3H Well: TVD approx. 8,960', TMD approx. 19,660'; Bone Spring Formation, See Exhibi B-2						
AFE Capex and Operating Costs							
Drilling Supervision/Month \$	\$8,000, Exhibit A						
Production Supervision/Month \$	\$800, Exhibit A						
Justification for Supervision Costs	Exhibit A						
Requested Risk Charge	200%, Exhibit A						
Notice of Hearing							
Proposed Notice of Hearing	Exhibit C, C-1						
Proof of Mailed Notice of Hearing (20 days before hearing)	Exhibit C-2						
Proof of Published Notice of Hearing (10 days before hearing)	Exhibit C-3						
Ownership Determination							
Land Ownership Schematic of the Spacing Unit	Exhibit A-2						
Tract List (including lease numbers and owners)	Exhibit A-2						
Pooled Parties (including ownership type)	Exhibit A-2						
Unlocatable Parties to be Pooled	Exhibit A						
Ownership Depth Severance (including percentage above & below)							
Joinder							
Sample Copy of Proposal Letter	Exhibit A-3						
List of Interest Owners (ie Exhibit A of JOA)	Exhibit A-2						
Chronology of Contact with Non-Joined Working Interests	Exhibit A-4						
Overhead Rates In Proposal Letter	Exhibit A-3						
Cost Estimate to Drill and Complete	Exhibit A-3						
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Cost Estimate for Production Facilities	Exhibit A-3					
Geology						
Summary (including special considerations)	Exhibit B					
Spacing Unit Schematic	Exhibit B-1					
Gunbarrel/Lateral Trajectory Schematic	Exhibit B-4					
Well Orientation (with rationale)	Exhibit B, B-1					
Target Formation	Exhibit B, B-2					
HSU Cross Section	Exhibit B-2, B-4, B-5					
Depth Severance Discussion	Exhibit B					
Forms, Figures and Tables						
C-102	Exhibit A-1					
Tracts	Exhibit A-1, A-2, B-1					
Summary of Interests, Unit Recapitulation (Tracts)	Exhibit A-2					
General Location Map (including basin)	Exhibit A-2					
Well Bore Location Map	Exhibit B-1, B-4					
Structure Contour Map - Subsea Depth	Exhibit B-1					
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Cross Section (including Landing Zone)	Exhibit B-2, B-4, B-5					
Additional Information						
Special Provisions/Stipulations						
<b>CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the information p</b>	provided in this checklist is complete and accurate.					
Printed Name (Attorney or Party Representative):	Darin C. Savage					
Signed Name (Attorney or Party Representative):	1 th					
Date: 10/5/2021						

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

### IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION FOR COMPULSORY POOLING SUBMITTED BY CIMAREX ENERGY COMPANY OF COLORADO

CASE NO. 22146 ORDER NO. R-21893

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

The Director of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("OCD"), having heard this matter through a Hearing Examiner on October 7, 2021, and after considering the testimony, evidence, and recommendation of the Hearing Examiner, issues the following Order.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Cimarex Energy Company of Colorado ("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.

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- 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.
- 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 amending 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 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 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."

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## Exhibit A

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Date	October 5, 2021					
Applicant	Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado					
Designated Operator & OGRID (affiliation if applicable)	162683					
Applicant's Counsel:	Darin C. Savage - Abadie & Schill, PC					
Case Title:	Application of Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado for a Horizontal Spacing Unit and Compulsary Pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico					
Entries of Appearance/Intervenors:	N/a					
Well Family	Parkway					
Formation/Pool						
Formation Name(s) or Vertical Extent:	Bone Spring					
Primary Product (Oil or Gas):	Oil					
Pooling this vertical extent:	Exhibit B-2; TVD approx.8,960'					
Pool Name and Pool Code:	Parkway; Bone Spring, West [Code: 98199]					
Well Location Setback Rules:	NMAC statewide rules apply					
Spacing Unit Size:	160 acres, more or less					
Spacing Unit						
Type (Horizontal/Vertical)	Horizontal					
Size (Acres)	160 acres, more or less					
Building Blocks:	quarter quarter sections (40 ac tracts)					
Orientation:	east - west					
Description: TRS/County	S/2 S/2 of Section 16, Township 19 South, Range 29 Eas NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico					
Standard Horizontal Well Spacing Unit (Y/N), If No, describe	Yes					
Other Situations						
Depth Severance: Y/N. If yes, description	No					
Proximity Tracts: If yes, description	No					
Proximity Defining Well: if yes, description	No					
Applicant's Ownership in Each Tract	See Landman Exhibit A-2					
Well(s)						
Name & API (if assigned), surface and bottom hole location, footages, completion target, orientation, completion status (standard or non-standard)						

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Well #1	Parkway 16 State Com 4H Well (API No. 30-015-pending), SHL: Unit L, 1,360' FSL, 390' FWL, Section 15, T19S-R29E, NMPM; BHL: Unit M, 802' FSL, 100' FWL, Section 16, T19S- R29E, laydown, standard location Parkway 16 State Com 4H Well: FTP 802' FSL, 100' FEL, Section 16; LTP 802' FSL, 100' FWL, Section 16					
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Pooled Parties (including ownership type)	Exhibit A-2					
Unlocatable Parties to be Pooled	Exhibit A					
Ownership Depth Severance (including percentage above & below)	Exhibit A-2, N/a					
Joinder						
Sample Copy of Proposal Letter	Exhibit A-3					
List of Interest Owners (ie Exhibit A of JOA)	Exhibit A-2					
Chronology of Contact with Non-Joined Working Interests	Exhibit A-4					
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Summary (including special considerations)	Exhibit B					

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Well Orientation (with rationale)	Exhibit B, B-1					
Target Formation	Exhibit B, B-2					
HSU Cross Section	Exhibit B-2, B-4, B-5					
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Tracts	Exhibit A-1, A-2, B-1					
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Well Bore Location Map	Exhibit B-1, B-4					
Structure Contour Map - Subsea Depth	Exhibit B-1					
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Additional Information	~					
Special Provisions/Stipulations						
CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the information pr	ovided in this checklist is complete and accurate.					
Printed Name (Attorney or Party Representative):	Darin C. Savage					
Signed Name (Attorney or Party Representative):	LOL					
Date: 10/5/2021						

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# **TAB 3**

- Exhibit B: Affidavit of Notice, Darin C. Savage
- Exhibit B-1: Notice Letter
- Exhibit B-2: Mailing Report Exhibit B-3: Green Card

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

#### APPLICATION OF CIMAREX ENERGY CO. OF COLORADO TO REOPEN CASE NO. 22145 (ORDER NO. R-21892) FOR A HORIZONTAL SPACING UNIT AND COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

Case No. 22577; Reopen Case No. 22145; Order No. R-21892

#### APPLICATION OF CIMAREX ENERGY CO. OF COLORADO TO REOPEN CASE NO. 22146 (ORDER NO. R-21893) FOR A HORIZONTAL SPACING UNIT AND COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

Case No. 22578; Reopen Case No. 22146; Order No. R-21893

#### **AFFIDAVIT OF NOTICE**

STATE OF NEW MEXICO ) ) ss. COUNTY OF SANTA FE )

Darin C. Savage, attorney and authorized representative of Cimarex Energy Co. of

Colorado, the Applicant herein, being first duly sworn, upon oath, states that the above referenced

Application was under a notice letter and that proof of receipt is attached hereto.

[Signature page follows]

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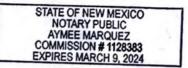
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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this  $\frac{15t}{2}$  day of March, 2022, by Darin C. Savage.

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# VIA CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

TO: Colgate Energy and Colgate Operating, LLC ("Colgate")

- Re: Application of Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado to reopen Case No. 22145 (Order No. R-21892) for horizontal spacing and compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico Parkway 16-17 State Com 3H Well (Case No. 22577)
- Re: Application of Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado to reopen Case No. 22146 (Order No. R-21893) for horizontal spacing and compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico <u>Parkway 16 State Com 4H Well</u> (Case No. 22578)

Case Nos. 22577 and 22578:

Dear Mr. Hajdik, Colgate Energy:

This letter is to advise you that Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado ("Cimarex") has filed the enclosed applications, Case Nos. 22577 and 22578, with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division to reopen Case Nos. 22145 and 22146 (Order Nos. R-21892 and R-21893), which created standard horizontal spacing units and the compulsory pooling of the Bone Spring formation, in order to cure an oversight in letter notice to Colgate.

In Case No. 22145, Cimarex pooled the N/2 S/2 of Sections 16 and 17, Township 19 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, a standard unit encompassing 320 acres, more or less, dedicated to the Parkway 16-17 State Com 3H Well.

In Case No. 22146, Cimarex pooled the S/2 S/2 of Section 16, Township 19 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, a standard unit encompassing 160 acres, more or less, dedicated to the Parkway 16 State Com 4H Well.

> a b a d i e s c h i l l . c o m 214 McKenzie Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87501 O: 970.385.4401 • F: 970.385.4901

**EXHIBIT** 

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In both Cases 22145 and 22146, Cimarex inadvertently utilized an outdated mailing list, and the letter notice that should have been mailed to Colgate was, by unintentional oversight, mailed to Crump Energy Partners III, LLC and Crown Oil Partners VI, LLC, the owners listed in the original title work.

A hearing has been requested and scheduled to be heard before a Division Examiner on March 3, 2022. The status of the hearing can be monitored through the Division's website. Division hearings will commence at 8:15 a.m., traditionally in Porter Hall at the Oil Conservation Division's Santa Fe Offices located at 1220 South Saint Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505. However, under the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, the hearing will be conducted remotely. For information about remote access, you can visit the Division's website at: <u>https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/ocd/hearing-info/</u> or call (505) 476-3441.

You are being notified as a minority working interest owner and are not required to attend this hearing, but as an owner of an interest that may be affected by this application, you may appear and present testimony. Failure to appear at that time and become a party of record will preclude you from challenging the matter at a later date.

Parties appearing in cases are required by Division Rule 19.15.4.13.B NMAC to file a Prehearing Statement at least four business days in advance of a scheduled hearing, but in no event later than 5 p.m. mountain time on the Thursday preceding the scheduled hearing date. This statement must be filed online or at the Division's Santa Fe office at the above specified address and should include: The names of the parties and their attorneys; a concise statement of the case; the names of all witnesses the party will call to testify at the hearing; the approximate time the party will need to present its case; and identification of any procedural matters that are to be resolved prior to the hearing.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact Riley Morris at (432) 620-1966 or at rmorris@cimarex.com.

Sincerely,

Darin C. Savage

Attorney for Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado

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<ul> <li>Complete items 1, 2, and 3.</li> <li>Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you.</li> <li>Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece,</li> </ul>	A. Signature X B. Received by (Printed Name)	C. Date of Delivery			
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Colgate Energy 300 N. Marienfeld St. Suite 1000 Midland, TX 79701	If YES, enter delivery address below:  No				
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