

Before the Oil Conservation Division Examiner Hearing March 3, 2022

**Compulsory Pooling** 

Case No. 22565: Western Fed Com 702H & Bidder 49 Fed Com 703H

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APPLICATION OF FRANKLIN MOUNTAIN ENERGY, LLC FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

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## **COMPULSORY POOLING APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

#### ALL INFORMATION IN THE APPLICATION MUST BE SUPPORTED BY SIGNED AFFIDAVITS

Case: 22565	APPLICANT'S RESPONSE				
Date: Hearing Date-March 3, 2022					
Applicant	Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC				
Designated Operator & OGRID (affiliation if applicable)	Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC (373910)				
Applicant's Counsel:	Modrall Sperling (Deana Bennett, Earl DeBrine, Bryce Smith)				
Case Title:	Application of Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC for Compulsory Pooling, Lea County, New Mexico				
Entries of Appearance/Intervenors:	None				
Well Family	Western & Bidder 49				
Formation/Pool					
Formation Name(s) or Vertical Extent:	Wolfcamp				
Primary Product (Oil or Gas):	Oil				
Pooling this vertical extent:	Wolfcamp				
Pool Name and Pool Code:	WC-025 G-09 S253502D; UPR WOLFCAMP 98187				
Well Location Setback Rules:	Statewide rules				
Spacing Unit Size:	640 acres				
Spacing Unit					
Type (Horizontal/Vertical)	Horizontal				
Size (Acres)	640 acres				
Building Blocks:	40 acres				
Orientation:	North-South				
Description: TRS/County	W/2 of Sections 25 and 36, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico				
Standard Horizontal Well Spacing Unit (Y/N), If No, describe	Υ				
Other Situations					
Depth Severance: Y/N. If yes, description	N				
Proximity Tracts: If yes, description	Y				
Proximity Defining Well: if yes, description	The completed interval for the Western Fed Con 702H well will be less than 330' from the adjoining tracts and the Division's rules allow for the inclusion of proximity tracts within the proposed spacing unit.				
Applicant's Ownership in Each Tract	Exhibit 3.				

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Well(s)	
Name & API (if assigned), surface and bottom hole location,	Exhibit 2 and Exhibit B, paragraph 11.
footages, completion target, orientation, completion status	
(standard or non-standard) Well #1	Western Fed Com 702H
weii #1	API: Not yet assigned
	SHL: 250 feet from the North line and 1276 feet
	from the West line, Section 1, Township 25 South,
	Range 35 East, NMPM.
	BHL: 150 feet from the North line and 1276 feet
	from the West line, Section 25, Township 24
	South, Range 35 East, NMPM.
	Completion Target: Wolfcamp.
	Well Orientation: North/South
	Completion location: Expected to be standard.
	See also Exhibit 2 for C-102.
Horizontal Well First and Last Take Points	Exhibit 2
Completion Target (Formation, TVD and MD)	Wolfcamp: TVD 11,885'; MD 22,313'
Well #2	Bidder 49 Fed Com 703H
	API: Not yet assigned
	SHL: 250 feet from the North line and 2202 feet
	from the West line, Section 1, Township 25 South,
	Range 35 East, NMPM.
	BHL: 150 feet from the North line and 2202 feet
	from the West line, Section 25, Township 24
	South, Range 35 East, NMPM. Completion Target: Wolfcamp.
	Well Orientation: North/South
	Completion location: Expected to be standard.
	See also Exhibit 2 for C-102.
Horizontal Well First and Last Take Points	Exhibit 2
Completion Target (Formation, TVD and MD)	Wolfcamp: TVD 11,961'; MD 22,386'
AFE Capex and Operating Costs	
Drilling Supervision/Month \$	N/A
Production Supervision/Month \$	N/A
Justification for Supervision Costs	N/A
Requested Risk Charge	N/A
Notice of Hearing	Full-libite 1 A
Proposed Notice of Hearing Case No. 2	Exhibits 1, 4

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Proof of Mailed Notice of Hearing (20 days before hearing)	Exhibit 4				
Proof of Published Notice of Hearing (10 days before hearing)	Exhibit 4				
Ownership Determination					
Land Ownership Schematic of the Spacing Unit	Exhibit 3				
Tract List (including lease numbers and owners)	Exhibit 3				
Pooled Parties (including ownership type)	Exhibit 3				
Unlocatable Parties to be Pooled	N/A				
Ownership Depth Severance (including percentage above & belo	ov N/A				
Joinder					
Sample Copy of Proposal Letter	N/A				
List of Interest Owners (ie Exhibit A of JOA)	N/A				
Chronology of Contact with Non-Joined Working Interests	N/A				
Overhead Rates In Proposal Letter	N/A				
Cost Estimate to Drill and Complete	N/A				
Cost Estimate to Equip Well	N/A				
Cost Estimate for Production Facilities	N/A				
Geology					
Summary (including special considerations)	Tab C				
Spacing Unit Schematic	Exhibit 6				
Gunbarrel/Lateral Trajectory Schematic	Exhibit 6				
Well Orientation (with rationale)	Exhibit 8				
Target Formation	Exhibit 7-C				
HSU Cross Section	Exhibit 7-C				
Depth Severance Discussion	N/A				
Forms, Figures and Tables					
C-102	Exhibit 2				
Tracts	Exhibit 3				
Summary of Interests, Unit Recapitulation (Tracts)	Exhibit 3				
General Location Map (including basin)	Exhibit 5				

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Well Bore Location Map	Exhibit 5			
Structure Contour Map - Subsea Depth	Exhibit 7-A			
Cross Section Location Map (including wells)	Exhibit 7-B			
Cross Section (including Landing Zone)	Exhibit 7-C			
Additional Information				
CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the information pro-	vided in this checklist is complete and accurate.			
Printed Name (Attorney or Party Representative):	Deana M. Bennett / //			
Signed Name (Attorney or Party Representative):	hour to make			
Date:	March 1, 2022			

APPLICATIONS OF FRANKLIN MOUNTAIN ENERGY, LLC FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

**CASE NOS. 22565** 

#### SELF AFFIRMED DECLARATION OF LEE ZINK

Lee Zink hereby states and declares as follows:

- 1. I am over the age of 18, I am the Director of Land for Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC ("Franklin"), 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 Franklin includes the area of Lea County in New Mexico.
- 3. I am familiar with the application filed by Franklin in this case, which is attached as **Exhibit 1**.
  - 4. I am familiar with the status of the lands that are subject to the application.
- 5. I submit the following information pursuant to NMAC 19.15.4.12.A(1) in support of the above referenced compulsory pooling application.
- 6. The purpose of the application is to force pool only overriding royalty interests into the horizontal spacing unit described below, and in the wells to be drilled in the unit.
- 7. No opposition is expected because the overriding royalty interest owners being pooled have been contacted regarding the proposed wells, but have failed or refused to voluntarily commit their interests in the wells.

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- 8. The spacing unit and wells that Franklin proposes in this case are part of a comprehensive development plan covering Sections 25 and 36, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.
- 9. In this case, Franklin seeks an order from the Division pooling overriding royalty interests within a 640-acre, more or less, Wolfcamp horizontal spacing unit underlying the W/2 of Sections 25 and 36, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.
- 10. This spacing unit will be dedicated to the Western Fed Com 702H and the Bidder 49 Fed Com 703H wells to be horizontally drilled.
- 11. The approximate TVD for the Western Fed Com 702H well is 11,885' and the approximate MD is 22,313'. The approximate TVD for the Bidder 49 Fed Com 703H well is 11,961' and the approximate MD is 22,386'.
  - 12. Attached as **Exhibit 2** are the proposed C-102s for the wells.
- 13. The C-102s identify the proposed surface hole location, the first take point, and the bottom hole location. The C-102s also identifies the pool and pool code.
- 14. The completed interval for the Western Fed Com 702H well will be less than 330' from the adjoining tracts and the Division's rules allow for the inclusion of proximity tracts within the proposed spacing unit.
- 15. The wells will develop the WC-025 G-09 S253502D; UPR WOLFCAMP pool, pool code 98187.
  - 16. This pool is an oil pool with 40-acre building blocks.
- 17. This pool is governed by the state-wide horizontal well rules. The producing interval for the wells will be orthodox and will comply with the Division's set back requirements.
  - 18. There are no depth severances within the proposed spacing unit.

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19. **Exhibit 3** includes a lease tract map outlining the unit being pooled. Franklin only

needs to pool overriding interest owners because there are no other working interest owners within

this unit. Exhibit 3 also includes the overriding interest owners being pooled and a summary of the

percent of their interests.

20. Because Franklin seeks only to pool overrides, Franklin was not required to send

proposal letters to them, or Authorization for Expenditures. In addition, because Franklin only

seeks to pool overrides, Franklin does not request any overhead or administrative rates or the

imposition of a risk charge.

21. I have conducted a diligent search of the public records in the county where the

well will be located, and conducted phone directory and computer searches to locate contact

information for parties entitled to notification.

22. The parties Franklin is seeking to pool were notified of this hearing.

23. **Exhibit 4** is an affidavit of notice prepared by counsel for Franklin that shows the

parties who were notified of this hearing, the status of whether they received notice, and an

affidavit of publication from the Hobbs News-Sun newspaper, showing that notice of this hearing

was published on February 6, 2022.

24. The attachments to this declaration were prepared by me, or compiled from

company business records, or were prepared at my direction.

25. 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: February 24, 2022

Lee Zink

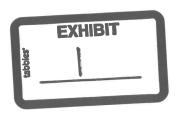
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#### **APPLICATION**

Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC ("FME"), OGRID Number 373910, through its undersigned attorneys, hereby files this application with the Oil Conservation Division ("Division") pursuant to the provisions of NMSA 1978, § 70-2-17, for an order pooling all overriding royalty owners within a Wolfcamp horizontal spacing unit underlying the W/2 of Sections 25 and 36, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. In support of this application, FME states:

- 1. FME has an interest in the subject lands and has a right to drill and operate a well thereon.
- 2. FME seeks to dedicate the W/2 of Sections 25 and 36, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico to form a 640-acre, more or less, spacing unit.
- 3. FME plans to drill the **Western Fed Com 702H** and **Bidder 49 Fed Com 703H** wells to a depth sufficient to test the Wolfcamp formation.
- 4. The completed interval for the Western Fed Com 702H well will be less than 330' from the adjoining tracts and the Division's rules allow for the inclusion of proximity tracts within the proposed spacing unit.
- 5. The wells will be horizontally drilled and will be drilled at orthodox locations under the Division's rules.



Case No. 22565 Page 11 of 54 6. FME's 640-acre horizontal spacing unit for the Western Fed Com 702H and Bidder 49 Fed Com 703H wells will overlap with an existing FME 320-acre spacing unit that is dedicated to the Proxy WCA State Com 001H located in the W/2W/2 of Section 25 and 36, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. FME is the operator of the Proxy WCA State Com 001H well and there are no other working interest owners.

7. FME seeks only to pool overriding royalty interest owners. The pooling of such interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying the proposed unit will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

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

- A. Pooling all overriding royalty interest owners in the Wolfcamp formation underlying a horizontal spacing unit within the W/2 of Sections 25 and 36, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico; and
  - Designating FME as operator of this unit and the wells to be drilled thereon.

MODRALL, SPERLING, ROEHL, HARRIS

& SISK, P.A.

Bv:

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Telephone: 505.848.1800 Attorneys for Applicant

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case No. \_\_\_\_\_\_: Application of Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order from the Division pooling all overriding royalty interests within a Wolfcamp horizontal spacing unit underlying the W/2 of Sections 25 and 36, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. This spacing unit will be dedicated to the Western Fed Com 702H and Bidder 49 Fed Com 703H wells to be horizontally drilled. The completed interval for the Western Fed Com 702H well will be less than 330' from the adjoining tracts to allow inclusion of proximity tracts within the proposed standard horizontal spacing unit. The producing area for the wells will be orthodox. Also to be considered will be designation of Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC as operator of the wells. Said area is located approximately 11 miles Northwest of Jal, New Mexico.

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<u>District II</u>
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1000 Rio Brazos Road, Aztec, NM 87410
Phone: (505) 334-6178 Fax: (505) 334-6170

District IV 1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505 Phone: (505) 476-3460 Fax: (505) 476-3462

III. or lot no Section Township Range

State of New Mexico Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION 1220 South St. Francis Dr. Santa Fe, NM 87505

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#### WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

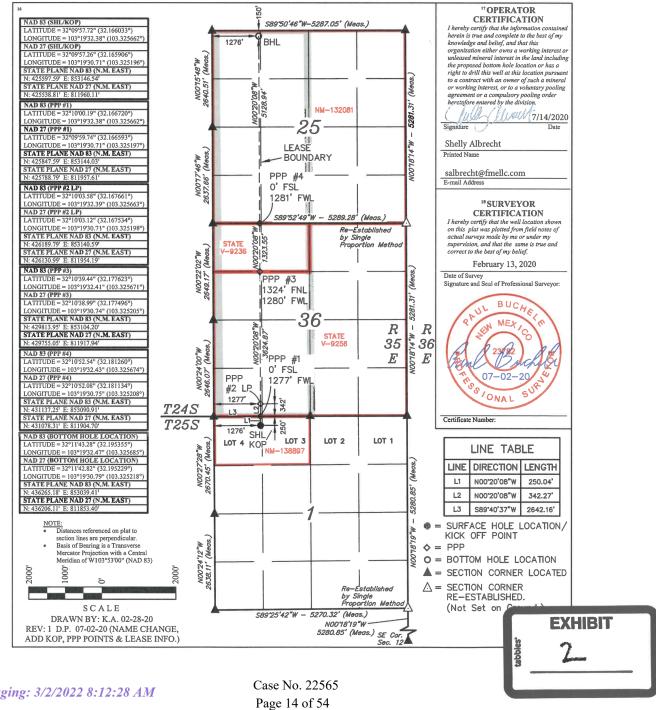
<sup>1</sup> API Number	r <sup>2</sup> Pool Code		<sup>3</sup> Pool Name		
		98187	WC-025 G-09 S253502D;UI	PR WOLFCAMP	
4 Property Code	<sup>5</sup> Property Name <sup>6</sup> Well Number WESTERN FED COM 702H				
<sup>7</sup> OGRID No. 373910	*Operator Name				

Surface Location

4	1	25S	35E	201141	250	NORTH	1276	WEST	LEA
"Bottom Hole Location If Different From Surface									

UL or lot no. D	Section 25	Township 24S	Range 35E	Lot Idn	Feet from the 150	North/South line NORTH	Feet from the 1276	East/West line WEST	County LEA
12 Dedicated Acre 640	es 13	13 Joint or Infill 14 Consolidation Code		15 Order No.					

No allowable will be assigned to this completion until all interests have been consolidated or a non-standard unit has been approved by the division.



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#### WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

<sup>1</sup> API Number	<sup>2</sup> Pool Code 98187	<sup>3</sup> Pool Name WC-025 G-09 S253502D;Ul	PR WOLFCAMP	
<sup>4</sup> Property Code	<sup>5</sup> Property Name BIDDER 49 FED COM			
<sup>7</sup> OGRID №. 373910	- F			
	10 Su	rface Location		

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U Pottom Hole Location If Different From Surface									

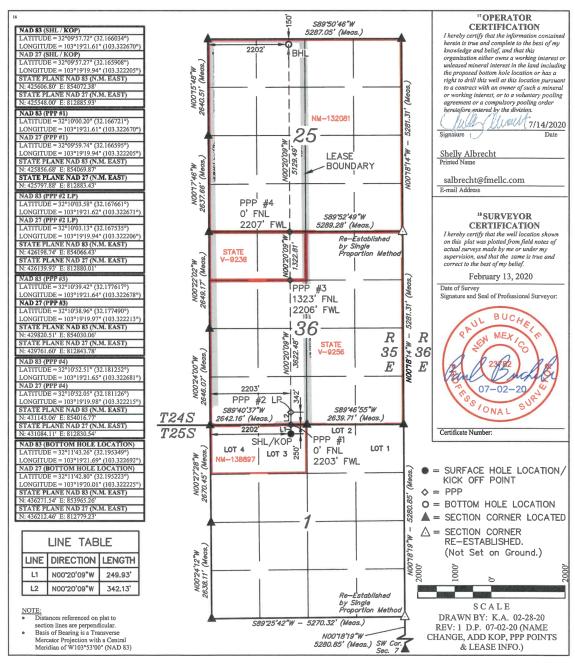
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East/West line

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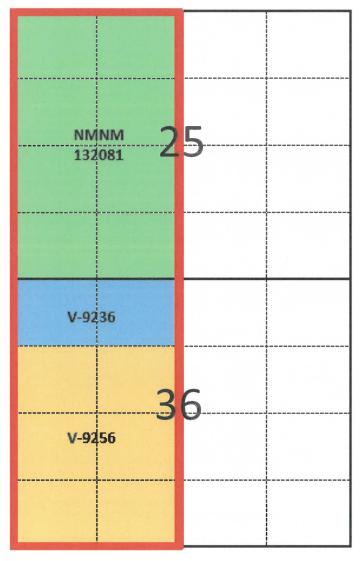
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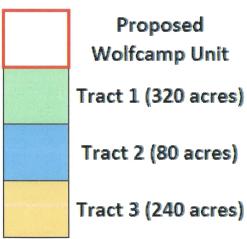


### Lease Tract Map

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### **Summary of Interests**

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Commited Working Interests						
Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC	100.000000%					
Overriding Royalty Interests						
Monticello Minerals, LLC	0.279055%					
Prevail Energy, LLC	1.089999%					
Rheiner Holdings, LLC	0.796730%					
Cayuga Royalties, LLC	1,581452%					
TOTAL:	100.000000%					

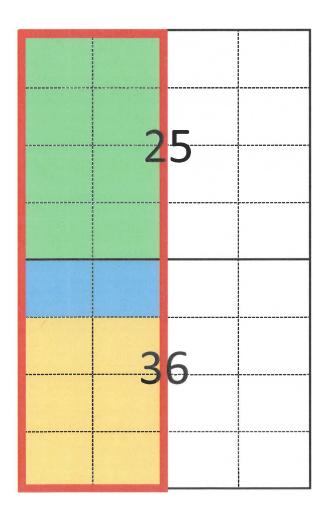


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### **Unit Recapitulation**

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Rheiner Holdings, LLC	0.796730%						
Cayuga Royalties, LLC	1.581452%						
TOTAL:	100.000000%						



Tract	Lease
	MMMM
1	132081
2	V-9236
3	V-9256



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STATE OF NEW MEXICO	)
	) ss
COUNTY OF BERNALILLO	)

Deana M. Bennett, attorney in fact and authorized representative of Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC, the Applicant herein, being first duly sworn, upon oath, states that the above-referenced Applications were provided under a notice letter mailed February 4, 2022, attached, and that proof of receipt is attached hereto. I also state that notice of the hearing was published in the Hobbs News-Sun on February 6, 2022, as reflected in the attached Affidavit of Publication.

Deana M. Bennett

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 1 day of March, 2022 by Deana M.

Bennett.

Notary Public

My commission expires: Dec 09, 2023

STATE OF NEW MEXICO NOTARY PUBLIC Zina Carmelita Crum

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### **Affidavit of Publication**

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LEA

I, Daniel Russell, Publisher of the Hobbs News-Sun, a newspaper published at Hobbs, New Mexico, solemnly swear that the clipping attached hereto was published in the regular and entire issue of said newspaper, and not a supplement thereof for a period of 1 issue(s).

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Sworn and subscribed to before me this 6th day of February 2022.

Business Manager

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CASE NO. 22560: Notice to all affected parties, as well as their heirs and devisees of New Mexico State Land Office; United States of America, Bureau of Land Management; Monticello Minerals, LLC; Prevall Energy, LLC; Rheiner Holdings, LLC; Cayuga Royaltles, LLC of Application of Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. The State of New Mexico through its Oil Conservation Division, hereby gives notice that the Division will conduct a public hearing at 8.15 a.m. on March 3, 2022 to consider this application. Due to state building clossures during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, the hearing will be conducted remotely. You may access the instructions to appear at http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/OCD/documents/10-08OCD/Hearing.pdf or under "OCD NOTICES" at http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/OCD/hearings.html.Applicant seeks an order from the Division pooling all overriding royalty interests within a Bone Spring horizontal spacing unit underlying the W2W/2 of Sections 25 and 36, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. This spacing unit will be dedicated to the Western Fed Com 601H well to be horizontally drilled. The producing area for the well will be orthodox. Also to be considered will be designation of Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC as operator of the well. Said area is located approximately 11 miles Northwest of Jal, New Mexico.

CASE NO. 22561- Notice to all affected parties, as well as their heirs and devisees of New Mexico State Land Office; United States of America, Bureau of Land Management; Monticello Minerals, LLC; Prevall Energy, LLC; Rheiner Holdings, LLC; Cayuga Royalties, LLC of Application of Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. The State of New Mexico through its Oil Conservation Division, hereby gives notice that the Division will conduct a public hearing at 8.15.a.m. on March 3, 2022-to consider this application. Due to state building closures during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, the hearing will be conducted remorely. You may access the instructions to appear at http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/OcD/hearings.html.Applicant seeks an order from the Division pooling all overriding royalty interests within a Bone Spring horizontal spacing unit underlying the E/2W/2 of Sections 25 and 36, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. This spacing unit will be dedicated to the Bidder 49 Fed Com 602H well to be horizontally drilled. The producing area for the well will be orthodox. Also to be considered will be designation of Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC as operator of the well. Said area is located approximately 11 miles Northwest of Jal, New Mexico.

CASE NO. 22562: Notice to all affected parties, as well as their heirs and devisees of New Mexico State Land Office; United States of America, Bureau of Land Management; Monticello Minerais, LLC; Prevall Energy, LLC; Rheiner Holdings, LLC; Cayuga Royalties, LLC of Application of Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. The State of New Mexico through its Oil Conservation Division, hereby gives notice that the Division will conduct a public hearing at 8:15 a.m. on March 3, 2022 to consider this application. Due to state building closures during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, the hearing will be conducted remotely. You may access the instructions to appear at http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/OCD/documents/10-08OCDHearing.pdf or under "OCD NOTICES" at http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/OCD/hearings.html.Applicant seeks an order from the Division pooling all overriding royalty interests within a Bone Spring horizontal spacing unit underlying the W/2 E/2 of Sections 25 and 36, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. This spacing unit will be orthodox. Also to be considered will be designation of Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC as operator of the well. Said area is located approximately 11 miles Northwest of Jal, New Mexico.

CASE NO. 22563: Notice to all affected parties, as well as their heirs and devisees of New Mexico State Land Office; United States of America, Bureau of Land Management; Monticello Minerals, LLC; Prevail Energy, LLC; Rheiner Holdings, LLC; Cayuga Royalties, LLC of Application of Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. The State of New Mexico through its Oil Conservation Division, hereby gives notice that the Division will conduct a public hearing at 8:15 a.m. on March 3, 2022 to consider this application. Due to state building clossures during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, the hearing will be conducted remotely. You may access the instructions to appear at http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/OCD/documents/10-08OCD/Hearing.pdf or under "OCD NOTICES" at http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/OCD/hearings.html.Applicant seeks an order from the Division pooling all overriding royalty interests within a Bone Spring horizontal spacing unit underlying the E/2E/2 of Sections 25 and 36, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. This spacing unit will be dedicated to the EI Paso Fed Com 604H well to be horizontally drilled. The producing area for the well will be orthodox. Also to be considered will be designation of Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC as operator of the well. Said area is located approximately 11 miles Northwest of Jai, New Mexico.

CASE NO. 22564: Notice to all affected parties, as well as their heirs and devisees of New Mexico State Land Office; United States of America, Bureau of Land Management; Monticello Minerals, LLC; Prevall Energy, LLC; Rheiner Holdings, LLC; Cayuga Royalties, LLC of Application of Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. The State of New Mexico through its Oil Conservation Division, hereby gives notice that the Division will conduct a public hearing at 8:15 a.m. on March 3, 2022 to consider this application. Due to state building closures during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, the hearing will be conducted remotely. You may access the instructions to appear at http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/OCD/documents/10-08OCDHearing.pdf or under "OCD NOTICES" at http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/OCD/hearings.html.Applicant seeks an order from the Division pooling all overriding royalty interests within a Wolfcamp horizontal spacing unit underlying the E/2 of Sections 25 and 36, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. This spacing unit will be dedicated to the KC7 Fed Com 704H, the El Paso Fed Com 705H, and the El Paso Fed Com 706H wells to be horizontally drilled. The completed interval for the El Paso Fed Com 705H well will be less than 330' from the adjoining tracts to allow inclusion of proximity tracts within the proposed standard horizontal spacing unit. The producing area for the wells will be orthodox. Also to be considered will be designation of Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC as operator of the wells. Said area is located approximately 11 miles Northwest of Jal, New Mexico.

CASE NO. 22565: Notice to all affected parties, as well as their heirs and devisees of New Mexico State Land Office; United States of America, Bureau of Land Management; Monticello Minerals, LLC; Prevall Energy, LLC; Rheiner Holdings, LLC; Cayuga Royalties, LLC of Application of Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. The State of New Mexico through its Oil Conservation Division, hereby gives notice that the Division will conduct a public hearing at 8:15 a.m. on March 3, 2022 to consider this application. Due to state building closures during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, the hearing will be conducted remotely. You may access the instructions to appear at http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/OCD/decuments/10-08OCDHearing.pdf or under "OCD NOTICES" at http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/OCD/hearings.html.Applicant seeks an order from the Division pooling all overriding royalty interests within a Wolfcamp horizontal spacing unit underlying the W/2 of Sections 25 and 36, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. This spacing unit will be dedicated to the Western Fed Com 702H and Bidder 49 Fed Com 703H wells to be horizontally drilled. The completed interval for the Western Fed Com 702H well will be less than 330' from the adjoining tracts to allow inclusion of proximity tracts within the proposed standard horizontal spacing unit. The producing area for the wells will be orthodox. Also to be considered will be designation of Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC as operator of the wells. Said area is located approximately 11 miles Northwest of Jal, New Mexico.



February 4, 2022

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

Re: APPLICATION OF FRANKLIN MOUNTAIN ENERGY, LLC FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

**CASE NO. 22560** 

APPLICATION OF FRANKLIN MOUNTAIN ENERGY, LLC FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

**CASE NO. 22561** 

APPLICATION OF FRANKLIN MOUNTAIN ENERGY, LLC FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

**CASE NO. 22562** 

APPLICATION OF FRANKLIN MOUNTAIN ENERGY, LLC FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

**CASE NO. 22563** 

APPLICATION OF FRANKLIN MOUNTAIN ENERGY, LLC FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

**CASE NO. 22564** 

APPLICATION OF FRANKLIN MOUNTAIN ENERGY, LLC FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

**CASE NO. 22565** 

TO: AFFECTED PARTIES

This letter is to advise you that Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC ("FME") has filed the above-listed applications.

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In Case No. 22560, FME seeks an order from the Division pooling all uncommitted interests within a Bone Spring horizontal spacing unit underlying the W/2W/2 of Sections 14 and 23, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. This spacing unit will be dedicated to the **Elevate Fed Com 601H** well to be horizontally drilled. The producing area for the Elevate Fed Com 601H well will be orthodox. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling, completing, and equipping said well, the allocation of these costs as well as the actual operating costs and charges for supervision while drilling and after completion, designation of Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC as operator of the well, and a 200% charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located approximately 11 miles Northwest of Jal, New Mexico.

In Case No. 22561, FME seeks an order from the Division pooling all overriding royalty interests within a Bone Spring horizontal spacing unit underlying the E/2W/2 of Sections 25 and 36, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. This spacing unit will be dedicated to the **Bidder 49 Fed Com 602H** well to be horizontally drilled. The producing area for the well will be orthodox. Also to be considered will be designation of Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC as operator of the well. Said area is located approximately 11 miles Northwest of Jal, New Mexico.

In Case No. 22562, FME seeks an order from the Division pooling all overriding royalty interests within a Bone Spring horizontal spacing unit underlying the W/2 E/2 of Sections 25 and 36, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. This spacing unit will be dedicated to the **KC7 Fed Com 603H** well to be horizontally drilled. The producing area for the well will be orthodox. Also to be considered will be designation of Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC as operator of the well. Said area is located approximately 11 miles Northwest of Jal, New Mexico.

In Case No. 22563, FME seeks an order from the Division pooling all overriding royalty interests within a Bone Spring horizontal spacing unit underlying the E/2E/2 of Sections 25 and 36, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. This spacing unit will be dedicated to the **El Paso Fed Com 604H** well to be horizontally drilled. The producing area for the well will be orthodox. Also to be considered will be designation of Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC as operator of the well. Said area is located approximately 11 miles Northwest of Jal, New Mexico.

In Case No. 22564, FME seeks an order from the Division pooling all overriding royalty interests within a Wolfcamp horizontal spacing unit underlying the E/2 of Sections 25 and 36, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. This spacing unit will be dedicated to the **KC7 Fed Com 704H**, the **El Paso Fed Com 705H**, and the **El Paso Fed Com** 

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**706H** wells to be horizontally drilled. The completed interval for the El Paso Fed Com 705H well will be less than 330' from the adjoining tracts to allow inclusion of proximity tracts within the proposed standard horizontal spacing unit. The producing area for the wells will be orthodox. Also to be considered will be designation of Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC as operator of the wells. Said area is located approximately 11 miles Northwest of Jal, New Mexico.

In Case No. 22565, FME seeks an order from the Division pooling all overriding royalty interests within a Wolfcamp horizontal spacing unit underlying the W/2 of Sections 25 and 36, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. This spacing unit will be dedicated to the Western Fed Com 702H and Bidder 49 Fed Com 703H wells to be horizontally drilled. The completed interval for the Western Fed Com 702H well will be less than 330' from the adjoining tracts to allow inclusion of proximity tracts within the proposed standard horizontal spacing unit. The producing area for the wells will be orthodox. Also to be considered will be designation of Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC as operator of the wells. Said area is located approximately 11 miles Northwest of Jal, New Mexico.

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 March 3, 2022 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 hearings and participate in the 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 the 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,

Deana M. Bennett

Attorney for Applicant

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## APPLICATION OF FRANKLIN MOUNTAIN ENERGY, LLC FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

CASE NO. 22560

#### **APPLICATION**

Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC ("FME"), OGRID Number 373910, through its undersigned attorneys, hereby files this application with the Oil Conservation Division ("Division") pursuant to the provisions of NMSA 1978, § 70-2-17, for an order pooling all overriding royalty owners within a Bone Spring horizontal spacing unit underlying the W2W/2 of Sections 25 and 36, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. In support of this application, FME states:

- 1. FME has an interest in the subject lands and has a right to drill and operate a well thereon.
- 2. FME seeks to dedicate the W2W/2 of Sections 25 and 36, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico to form a 320-acre, more or less, spacing unit.
- 3. FME plans to drill the **Western Fed Com 601H** well to a depth sufficient to test the Bone Spring formation.
- 4. The well will be horizontally drilled and will be drilled at orthodox locations under the Division's rules.
- 5. FME seeks only to pool overriding royalty interest owners. The pooling of such interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying the proposed unit will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

Case No. 22565

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

- A. Pooling all overriding royalty interest owners in the Bone Spring formation underlying a horizontal spacing unit within the W2W/2 of Sections 25 and 36, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico; and
  - B. Designating FME as operator of this unit and the well to be drilled thereon.

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case No. \_\_\_\_\_\_: Application of Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order from the Division pooling all overriding royalty interests within a Bone Spring horizontal spacing unit underlying the W2W/2 of Sections 25 and 36, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. This spacing unit will be dedicated to the Western Fed Com 601H well to be horizontally drilled. The producing area for the well will be orthodox. Also to be considered will be designation of Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC as operator of the well. Said area is located approximately 11 miles Northwest of Jal, New Mexico.

## APPLICATION OF FRANKLIN MOUNTAIN ENERGY, LLC FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

**CASE NO.** 22561

#### **APPLICATION**

Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC ("FME"), OGRID Number 373910, through its undersigned attorneys, hereby files this application with the Oil Conservation Division ("Division") pursuant to the provisions of NMSA 1978, § 70-2-17, for an order pooling all overriding royalty owners within a Bone Spring horizontal spacing unit underlying the E/2W/2 of Sections 25 and 36, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. In support of this application, FME states:

- 1. FME has an interest in the subject lands and has a right to drill and operate a well thereon.
- 2. FME seeks to dedicate the E/2W/2 of Sections 25 and 36, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico to form a 320-acre, more or less, spacing unit.
- 3. FME plans to drill the **Bidder 49 Fed Com 602H** well to a depth sufficient to test the Bone Spring formation.
- 4. The well will be horizontally drilled and will be drilled at orthodox locations under the Division's rules.
- 5. FME seeks only to pool overriding royalty interest owners. The pooling of such interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying the proposed unit will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

Case No. 22565 Page 29 of 54 WHEREFORE, FME requests this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on March 3, 2022, and after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter its order:

- A. Pooling all overriding royalty interest owners in the Bone Spring formation underlying a horizontal spacing unit within the E/2W/2 of Sections 25 and 36, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico; and
  - B. Designating FME as operator of this unit and the well to be drilled thereon.

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case No. \_\_\_\_\_\_: Application of Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order from the Division pooling all overriding royalty interests within a Bone Spring horizontal spacing unit underlying the E/2W/2 of Sections 25 and 36, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. This spacing unit will be dedicated to the Bidder 49 Fed Com 602H well to be horizontally drilled. The producing area for the well will be orthodox. Also to be considered will be designation of Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC as operator of the well. Said area is located approximately 11 miles Northwest of Jal, New Mexico.

## APPLICATION OF FRANKLIN MOUNTAIN ENERGY, LLC FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

CASE NO. 22562

#### **APPLICATION**

Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC ("FME"), OGRID Number 373910, through its undersigned attorneys, hereby files this application with the Oil Conservation Division ("Division") pursuant to the provisions of NMSA 1978, § 70-2-17, for an order pooling all overriding royalty owners within a Bone Spring horizontal spacing unit underlying the W/2 E/2 of Sections 25 and 36, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. In support of this application, FME states:

- 1. FME has an interest in the subject lands and has a right to drill and operate a well thereon.
- 2. FME seeks to dedicate the W/2 E/2 of Sections 25 and 36, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico to form a 320-acre, more or less, spacing unit.
- 3. FME plans to drill the KC7 Fed Com 603H well to a depth sufficient to test the Bone Spring formation.
- 4. The well will be horizontally drilled and will be drilled at orthodox locations under the Division's rules.
- 5. FME seeks only to pool overriding royalty interest owners. The pooling of such interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying the proposed unit will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

Case No. 22565 Page 32 of 54 WHEREFORE, FME requests this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on March 3, 2022, and after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter its order:

- A. Pooling all overriding royalty interest owners in the Bone Spring formation underlying a horizontal spacing unit within the W/2 E/2 of Sections 25 and 36, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico; and
  - B. Designating FME as operator of this unit and the well to be drilled thereon.

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CASE NO. \_\_\_\_\_\_: Application of Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order from the Division pooling all overriding royalty interests within a Bone Spring horizontal spacing unit underlying the W/2 E/2 of Sections 25 and 36, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. This spacing unit will be dedicated to the KC7 Fed Com 603H well to be horizontally drilled. The producing area for the well will be orthodox. Also to be considered will be designation of Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC as operator of the well. Said area is located approximately 11 miles Northwest of Jal, New Mexico.

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

APPLICATION OF FRANKLIN MOUNTAIN ENERGY, LLC FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

CASE NO. 22563

#### **APPLICATION**

Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC ("FME"), OGRID Number 373910, through its undersigned attorneys, hereby files this application with the Oil Conservation Division ("Division") pursuant to the provisions of NMSA 1978, § 70-2-17, for an order pooling all overriding royalty owners within a Bone Spring horizontal spacing unit underlying the E/2E/2 of Sections 25 and 36, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. In support of this application, FME states:

- FME has an interest in the subject lands and has a right to drill and operate a well 1. thereon.
- FME seeks to dedicate the E/2E/2 of Sections 25 and 36, Township 24 South, 2. Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico to form a 320-acre, more or less, spacing unit.
- FME plans to drill the El Paso Fed Com 604H well to a depth sufficient to test 3. the Bone Spring formation.
- The well will be horizontally drilled and will be drilled at orthodox locations 4. under the Division's rules.
- FME seeks only to pool overriding royalty interest owners. The pooling of such 5. interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying the proposed unit will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

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

- A. Pooling all overriding royalty interest owners in the Bone Spring formation underlying a horizontal spacing unit within the E/2E/2 of Sections 25 and 36, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico; and
  - B. Designating FME as operator of this unit and the well to be drilled thereon.

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

# APPLICATION OF FRANKLIN MOUNTAIN ENERGY, LLC FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

**CASE NO. 22564** 

#### **APPLICATION**

Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC ("FME"), OGRID Number 373910, through its undersigned attorneys, hereby files this application with the Oil Conservation Division ("Division") pursuant to the provisions of NMSA 1978, § 70-2-17, for an order pooling all overriding royalty owners within a Wolfcamp horizontal spacing unit underlying the E/2 of Sections 25 and 36, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. In support of this application, FME states:

- 1. FME has an interest in the subject lands and has a right to drill and operate a well thereon.
- 2. FME seeks to dedicate the E/2 of Sections 25 and 36, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico to form a 640-acre, more or less, spacing unit.
- 3. FME plans to drill the KC7 Fed Com 704H, the El Paso Fed Com 705H, and the El Paso Fed Com 706H wells to a depth sufficient to test the Wolfcamp formation.
- 4. The completed interval for the El Paso Fed Com 705H well will be less than 330' from the adjoining tracts and the Division's rules allow for the inclusion of proximity tracts within the proposed spacing unit.
- 5. The wells will be horizontally drilled and will be drilled at orthodox locations under the Division's rules.

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6. FME seeks only to pool overriding royalty interest owners. The pooling of such interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying the proposed unit will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

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

- A. Pooling all overriding royalty interest owners in the Wolfcamp formation underlying a horizontal spacing unit within the E/2 of Sections 25 and 36, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico; and
  - Designating FME as operator of this unit and the wells to be drilled thereon.

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CASE NO. \_\_\_\_\_: Application of Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order from the Division pooling all overriding royalty interests within a Wolfcamp horizontal spacing unit underlying the E/2 of Sections 25 and 36, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. This spacing unit will be dedicated to the KC7 Fed Com 704H, the El Paso Fed Com 705H, and the El Paso Fed Com 706H wells to be horizontally drilled. The completed interval for the El Paso Fed Com 705H well will be less than 330' from the adjoining tracts to allow inclusion of proximity tracts within the proposed standard horizontal spacing unit. The producing area for the wells will be orthodox. Also to be considered will be designation of Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC as operator of the wells. Said area is located approximately 11 miles Northwest of Jal, New Mexico.

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

# APPLICATION OF FRANKLIN MOUNTAIN ENERGY, LLC FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

**CASE NO.** 22565

#### **APPLICATION**

Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC ("FME"), OGRID Number 373910, through its undersigned attorneys, hereby files this application with the Oil Conservation Division ("Division") pursuant to the provisions of NMSA 1978, § 70-2-17, for an order pooling all overriding royalty owners within a Wolfcamp horizontal spacing unit underlying the W/2 of Sections 25 and 36, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. In support of this application, FME states:

- 1. FME has an interest in the subject lands and has a right to drill and operate a well thereon.
- 2. FME seeks to dedicate the W/2 of Sections 25 and 36, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico to form a 640-acre, more or less, spacing unit.
- 3. FME plans to drill the Western Fed Com 702H and Bidder 49 Fed Com 703H wells to a depth sufficient to test the Wolfcamp formation.
- 4. The completed interval for the Western Fed Com 702H well will be less than 330' from the adjoining tracts and the Division's rules allow for the inclusion of proximity tracts within the proposed spacing unit.
- 5. The wells will be horizontally drilled and will be drilled at orthodox locations under the Division's rules.

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- FME's 640-acre horizontal spacing unit for the Western Fed Com 702H and 6. Bidder 49 Fed Com 703H wells will overlap with an existing FME 320-acre spacing unit that is dedicated to the Proxy WCA State Com 001H located in the W/2W/2 of Section 25 and 36, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. FME is the operator of the Proxy WCA State Com 001H well and there are no other working interest owners.
- 7. FME seeks only to pool overriding royalty interest owners. The pooling of such interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying the proposed unit will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

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

- Pooling all overriding royalty interest owners in the Wolfcamp formation A. underlying a horizontal spacing unit within the W/2 of Sections 25 and 36, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico; and
  - B. Designating FME as operator of this unit and the wells to be drilled thereon.

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

APPLICATION OF FRANKLIN MOUNTAIN ENERGY, LLC FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

**CASE NO. 22565** 

#### SELF AFFIRMED DECLARATION OF BEN KESSEL

Ben Kessel hereby states and declares as follows:

- 1. I am over the age of 18, I am a geologist for Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC ("Franklin"), and have personal knowledge of the matters stated herein. I have previously testified before the Oil Conservation Division ("Division") and my credentials as an expert petroleum geologist were accepted by the Division as a matter of record.
- 2. My area of responsibility at Franklin includes the area of Lea County in New Mexico.
  - 3. I am familiar with the application filed by Franklin in this case.
- 4. **Exhibit 5** is a locator map showing the approximate location of the proposed unit in relation to the Capitan Reef.
- 5. **Exhibit 6** is a wellbore schematic showing Franklin's development plan, which includes the wells proposed in Case Numbers 22560 through 22565, including in this case.
- 6. The exhibits behind **Tab 7** are the geology study I prepared for the Western Fed Com 702H and the Bidder 49 Fed Com 703H wells, which are Wolfcamp wells.
- 7. **Exhibit 7-A** is structure map of the top of the Wolfcamp. The proposed spacing unit is identified by a green box. The Western Fed Com 702H and the Bidder 49 Fed Com 703H wells are the black dashed lines identified by the boxes labeled "1" and "2" respectively.

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Case No. 22565 Page 44 of 54 contour interval used this exhibit is 25 feet. This exhibit shows that the structure dips gently to the southwest.

- 8. **Exhibit 7-B** is a cross section reference map that identifies four wells in the vicinity of the proposed wells, shown by a line of cross-section running from A to A'.
- 9. **Exhibit 7-C** is a stratigraphic cross section hung on the top of the Wolfcamp. The well logs on the cross-section give a representative sample of the Wolfcamp formation in the area. The target zone is identified by a bracket and the words "Producing Interval". I have also identified where the proposed wells fall within the wells I used for the cross-section.
  - 10. In my opinion, the gross interval thickens slightly toward the southwest.
- 11. **Exhibit 7-D** is a Gross Sand Isochore of the Upper Wolfcamp. The gross interval thickness increases slightly to the southwest.
  - 12. I conclude from the maps that:
    - a. The horizontal spacing unit is justified from a geologic standpoint.
    - b. There are no structural impediments or faulting that will interfere with horizontal development.
    - c. Each quarter quarter section in the proposed unit will contribute more or less equally to production.
- 13. **Exhibit 8** provides an overview of the stress orientation in the area based on the 2018 Snee-Zoback paper.
- 14. The preferred well orientation in this area is either north/south or south/north, nearly orthogonal to  $S_{Hmax}$ , optimal for inducted fracture propagation. This is because the  $S_{Hmax}$  is at approximately 265 degrees ENE in this area of Lea County

- 15. Exhibits 5-8 were prepared by me or under my supervision or compiled from company business records.
- 16. In my opinion, the granting of Franklin's application is in the interests of conservation and the prevention of waste.

[Signature page follows]

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: February <u>24</u>, 2022.

Ben Kessel

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## **FMM** Development

#### **Locator Map**





- Black box shows the location of FMM development area
- Planned wells are located inside of the western edge of the Capitan Reef



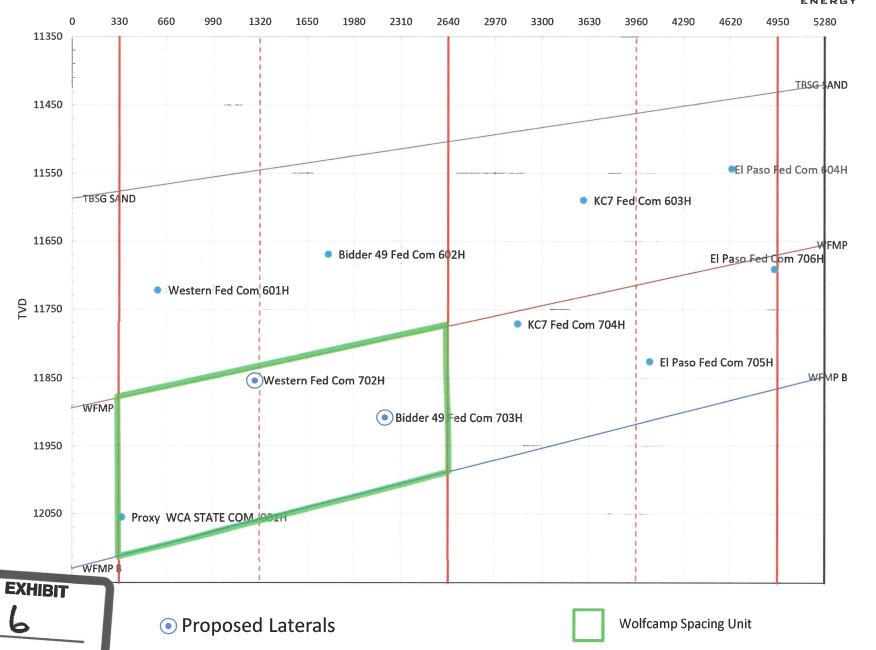
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### Wellbore Schematic





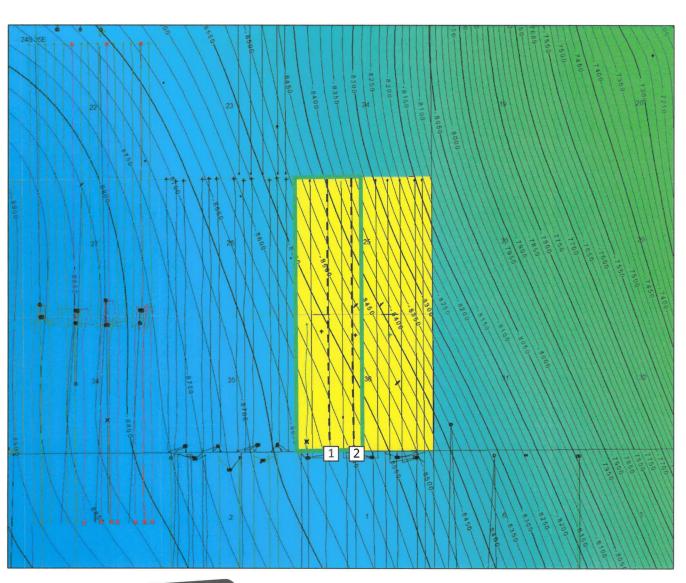
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## Wolfcamp Structure









Proposed Horizontal Location

- 1 Western Fed Com 702
- 2 Bidder 49 Fed Com 703

C.I. = 25'

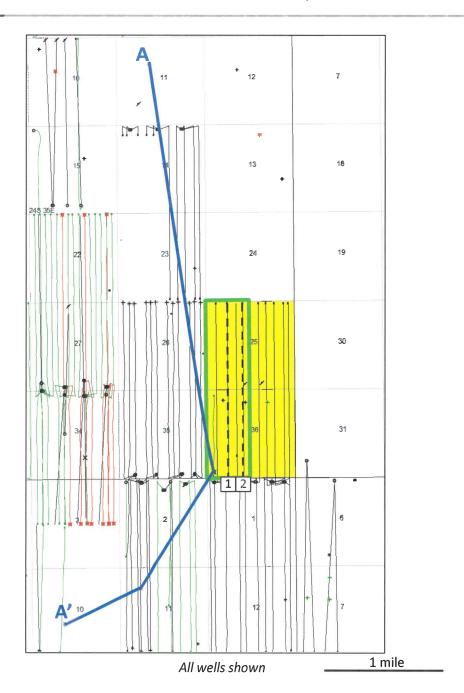


1 mile

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## Wolfcamp Cross Section Reference Map









Proposed Horizontal Location

- 1 Western Fed Com 702
- 2 Bidder 49 Fed Com 703



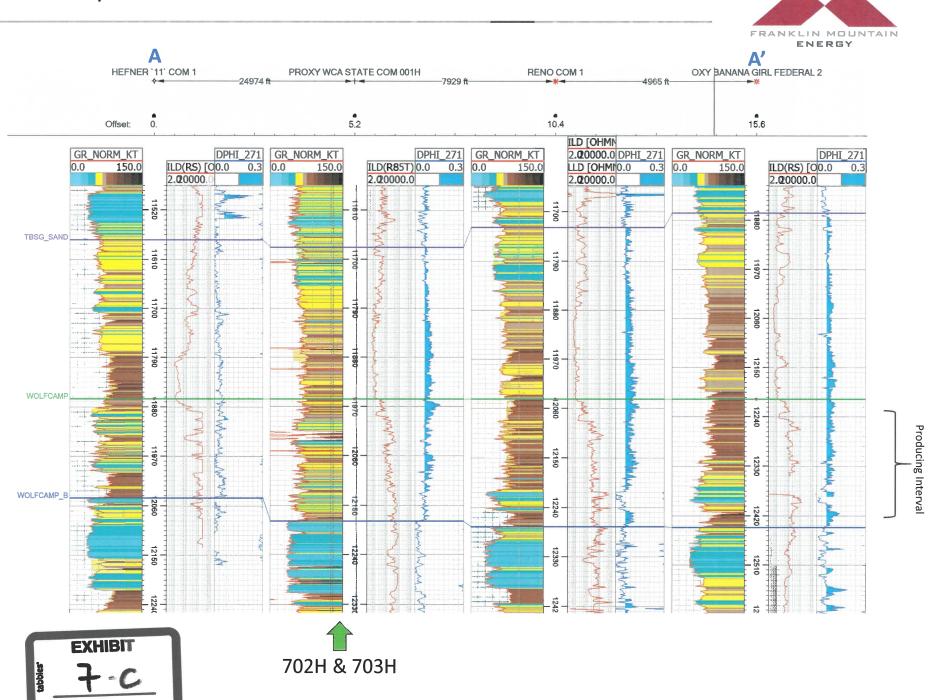
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### **Wolfcamp Cross Section**

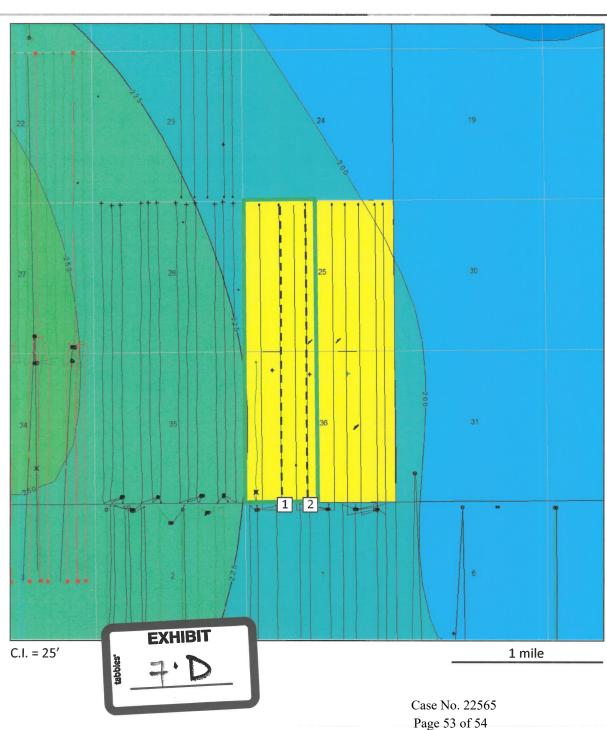
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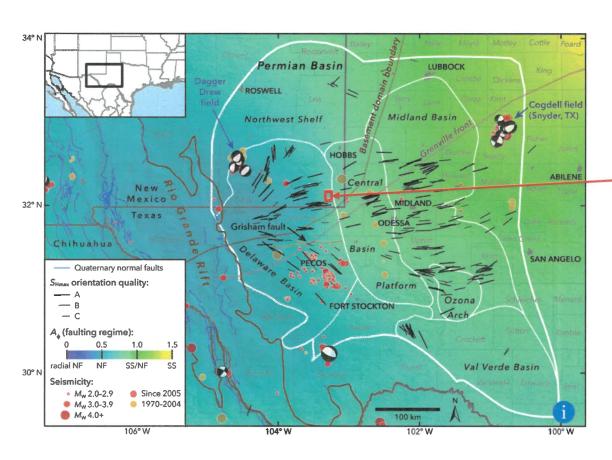
Proposed Horizontal Location

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### **Regional Stress**





- Red box shows the approximate location of the FMM development
- Reported local S<sub>Hmax</sub> (Snee and Zoback, 2018) direction is ENE, around 265°
- The Western Fed Com 702 & Bidder 49 Fed Com 703 wells are planned to drill N-S, nearly orthogonal to S<sub>hmax</sub>, optimal for induced fracture propagation

Snee, J.L. and Zoback, M.D., 2018, State of stress in the Permian Basin, Texas and New Mexico: Implications for induced seismicity: The Leading Edge, 37, no. 2

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