

BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

**APPLICATION OF PRIDE ENERGY COMPANY
FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY,
NEW MEXICO.**

Case No. _____

APPLICATION

Pride Energy Company applies for an order pooling all uncommitted mineral interest owners in the Bone Spring formation underlying a horizontal spacing unit comprised of the W/2E/2 of Section 16, Township 19 South, Range 33 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico, and in support thereof, states:

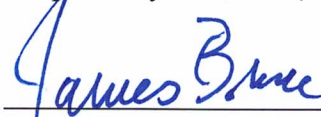
1. Applicant is an interest owner in the W/2E/2 of Section 16, and has the right to drill a well thereon.
2. Applicant proposes to drill the Tonto 16 State Com. Well No. 201H to a depth sufficient to test the Bone Spring formation, and to dedicate W/2E/2 of Section 16 thereto. The well has a first take point in the SW/4SE/4 of 16 and a last take point in the NW/4NE/4 of Section 16.
3. Applicant has in good faith sought to obtain the voluntary joinder of all other mineral interest owners in the W/2E/2 of Section 16 for the purposes set forth herein.
4. Although applicant attempted to obtain voluntary agreements from all mineral interest owners to participate in the drilling of the well or to otherwise commit their interests to the well, certain interest owners have failed or refused to join in dedicating their interests. Therefore, applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interest owners in the Bone Spring formation underlying the W/2E/2 of Section 16, pursuant to NMSA 1978 §70-2-17.

5. The pooling of all mineral interest owners in the Bone Spring formation underlying the W/2E/2 of Section 16 will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste, and protect correlative rights.

WHEREFORE, applicant requests that, after notice and hearing, the Division enter its order:

- A. Pooling all uncommitted mineral interest owners in the Bone Spring formation underlying the W/2E/2 of Section 16;
- B. Designating applicant as operator of the well;
- C. Considering the cost of drilling, completing, and equipping the well, and allocating the cost among the well's working interest owners;
- D. Approving actual operating charges and costs charged for supervision, together with a provision adjusting the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedure; and
- E. Setting a 200% charge for the risk involved in drilling, completing, and equipping the well in the event a working interest owner elects not to participate in the well.

Respectfully submitted,



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