

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

APPLICATION OF MARATHON
OIL PERMIAN LLC FOR COMPULSORY
POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO. _____

APPLICATION

Marathon Oil Permian LLC (“Marathon”), OGRID Number 372098, through its undersigned attorneys, hereby files this application with the Oil Conservation Division (the “Division”) pursuant to the provisions of NMSA 1978, Section 70-2-17, for an order pooling all uncommitted interests within a Wolfcamp horizontal spacing unit underlying the W/2 of Sections 11 and 14, Township 23 South, Range 32 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico. In support of this application, Marathon states as follows:

1. Marathon is an interest owner in the subject lands and has a right to drill a well thereon.
2. Marathon seeks to dedicate the W/2 of Sections 11 and 14, Township 23 South, Range 32 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico to form a 640-acre, more or less, standard horizontal spacing unit.
3. Marathon plans to drill the **Swallowtail 14-11 WA Federal 4H** well to a depth sufficient to test the Wolfcamp formation.
4. The well will be horizontally drilled and will be drilled at an orthodox location under the Division’s rules.

5. The completed interval for the **Swallowtail 14-11 WA Federal 4H** well is less than 330 feet from the adjoining tracts and the Division's rules allow for the inclusion of proximity tracts within the proposed spacing unit for the wells.

6. Marathon sought, but has been unable to obtain, a voluntary agreement from all interest owners in the Wolfcamp formation underlying the proposed spacing unit to participate in the drilling of the wells or to otherwise commit their interests to the wells.

7. The pooling of all interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying the proposed unit will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

WHEREFORE, Marathon requests this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on September 1, 2022, and after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter its order:

A. Pooling all uncommitted interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying a horizontal spacing unit within the W/2 of Sections 11 and 14, Township 23 South, Range 32 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico;

B. Designating Marathon as operator of this unit and the well to be drilled thereon;

C. Authorizing Marathon to recover its costs of drilling, equipping and completing the well;

D. Approving actual operating charges and costs charged for supervision while drilling and after completion, together with a provision adjusting the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedure;

E. Imposing 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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CASE NO. _____: Application of Marathon Oil Permian LLC for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order from the Division pooling all uncommitted interests within a Wolfcamp horizontal spacing unit underlying the W/2 of Sections 11 and 14, Township 23 South, Range 32 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico. This spacing unit will be dedicated to the **Swallowtail 14-11 WA Federal 4H** well to be horizontally drilled. The producing area for the well will be orthodox. The completed interval for the **Swallowtail 14-11 WA Federal 4H** well will be less than 330' from the adjoining tracts to allow inclusion of proximity tracts within the proposed standard horizontal spacing unit. 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 Marathon Oil Permian LLC as operator of the well, and a 200% charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located approximately 30 miles northwest of Jal, New Mexico.