

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

**APPLICATION OF MATADOR PRODUCTION
COMPANY TO AMEND ORDER NO. R-21944,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

CASE NO. _____
ORDER NO. R-21944

APPLICATION

Matador Production Company (“Matador” or “Applicant”), through its undersigned attorneys, hereby files this application with the Oil Conservation Division to amend Order No. R-21944 (“Order”) to allow for an extension of time for drilling the proposed initial well under the Order. In support of its application, Matador states:

1. Division Order No. R-21944, entered on December 7, 2021, in Case No. 22345, created a standard 240-acre, more or less, horizontal spacing unit comprised of the W/2 SE/4 of Section 30 and the W/2 E/2 of Section 31, Township 24 South, Range 36 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico (the “Unit”), and designated Matador as operator of the Unit.

2. Order No. R-21944 further pooled the uncommitted interests in the Bone Spring formation (WC-025 G-08 S2535340; Bone Spring [97088]) in the Unit and dedicated the Unit to the proposed initial **Bivins Fed Com #137H well** (API No. 30-025-PENDING).

3. Applicant requests that Order No. R-21944 be re-opened and amended to allow Applicant additional time to commence drilling the well under the Order.

4. There is good cause for Applicant’s request for an extension of time to drill. Matador filed permits with the Bureau of Land Management in October 2021 and has not yet received approval, thereby causing Matador to delay its intended plans to develop the acreage subject to the Order.

5. Under the Order, Applicant would be required to commence drilling the well by December 8, 2022, and therefore, asks for the deadline to commence drilling the well be extended for a year, to December 8, 2023.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on November 3, 2022, and, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order extending the time for Matador to commence drilling the proposed initial well under the Order.

Respectfully submitted,

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CASE _____ : **Application of Matador Production Company to Amend Order No. R-21944, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks a year extension of time for drilling the well under Order No. R-21944. The Unit is comprised of the W/2 SE/4 of Section 30 and the W/2 E/2 of Section 31, Township 24 South, Range 36 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. Order No. R-21944 pooled the uncommitted interests in the Bone Spring formation and dedicated the Unit to the proposed initial **Bivins Fed Com #137H well** to be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the NW/4 SE/4 (Unit J) of Section 30, to a bottom hole location in the SW/4 SE/4 (Unit O) of Section 31. Said area is located 7 miles northwest of Jal, New Mexico.