

**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. \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION**

Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC (“Franklin”), 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 uncommitted interests within a 160-acre, more or less, standard Leonard/Avalon horizontal spacing unit comprising the W/2W/2 of Section 35, Township 25 South, Range 35 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico. In support of this application, Franklin states as follows:

1. Franklin has an interest in the subject lands and has a right to drill and operate a well thereon.
2. Franklin seeks to dedicate the W/2W/2 of Section 35, Township 25 South, Range 35 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico to form a standard 160-acre, more or less, Leonard/Avalon horizontal spacing unit.
3. Franklin plans to drill the **Forge Fed Com 101H** well to a depth sufficient to test the Leonard/Avalon formation. The well will be horizontally drilled, and the producing area for the well is expected to be orthodox.
4. Franklin sought, but has been unable to obtain, a voluntary agreement from all interest owners in the Leonard/Avalon formation underlying the proposed spacing unit to participate in the drilling of the well or to otherwise commit their interests to the well.

5. The creation of a standard horizontal spacing unit and the pooling of all interests in the Leonard/Avalon formation underlying the proposed unit will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

WHEREFORE, Franklin requests 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 its order:

A. Pooling all uncommitted interests in the Leonard/Avalon formation underlying a horizontal spacing unit within the W/2W/2 of Section 35, Township 25 South, Range 35 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico;

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

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

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 and completing 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 Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order from the Division pooling all uncommitted interests within a standard 160-acre, more or less, Leonard/Avalon horizontal spacing unit underlying the W/2W/2 of Section 35, Township 25 South, Range 35 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico. This spacing unit will be dedicated to the **Forge Fed Com 101H** well, to be horizontally drilled. The producing area for the well is expected to be orthodox. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well, the allocation of these costs as well as the actual operating costs and charges for supervision, 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 24-25 miles northwest of Jal, New Mexico.