

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

**APPLICATION OF COLGATE
OPERATING, LLC TO EXTEND TIME
TO COMMENCE DRILLING OPERATIONS,
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

**CASE NO. _____
ORDER NO. R-22073**

APPLICATION

Colgate Operating, LLC (“Applicant”) (OGRID No. 371449) files this application with the Oil Conservation Division (“Division”) requesting a one-year extension of time to commence drilling the wells authorized by Order No. R-22073 (“Order”). In support of its application, Applicant states the following.

1. The Division entered the Order in Case No. 22398 on March 9, 2022.
2. The Order pooled all uncommitted interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying a 320-acre, more or less, standard horizontal spacing unit comprised of the N/2 N/2 of Sections 16 and 17, Township 19 South, Range 28 East, Eddy County, New Mexico (“Unit”) and dedicated the Unit to the Black Cat 16 State Com 121H and Black Cat 16 State Com 131H wells (“Wells”).
3. The Order designated Applicant as the operator of the Unit and Wells.
4. Paragraph 20 of the Order requires Applicant to commence drilling the Wells within one (1) year of the date of the Order unless Applicant obtains a time extension from the Division Director for good cause shown.
5. Applicant’s ability to commence drilling the Wells has been impacted by limited rig availability and supply chain delays. Applicant intends to commence drilling the Wells during the first half of 2023.

6. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the Division extend the deadline to commence drilling the Wells until March 9, 2024.

7. Good cause exists for the requested extension.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests this application be set for hearing on March 2, 2023, and after notice and hearing, the Division extend the deadline to commence drilling the Wells under the Order until March 9, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

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