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

APPLICATION OF CIMAREX ENERGY CO. TO AMEND ORDER NO. R-22198, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

Case No. _____ Order No. R-22198

APPLICATION

Cimarex Energy Co. ("Cimarex"), OGRID No. 215099, through its undersigned attorneys, hereby files this Application with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division"), to allow for a one-year extension of the well drilling commencement deadline under Order No. R-22198. This Order, issued on July 25, 2022, in Case No. 22751, pooled all uncommitted interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying the W/2 of Sections 11 and 14, Township 25 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, and granted Cimarex the operating rights for development of these lands as a unit. Paragraph 20 of the Order allows for an extension by amendment for good cause shown; and accordingly, Cimarex requests that Case No. 22751 be reopened, and Order No. R-22198 be amended to allow additional time.

In support of its Application, Cimarex states the following: (1) Cimarex is in good standing under state-wide rules and regulations with respect to Order No. R-22198; (2) Cimarex in good-faith has made progress toward the development of the unit since the Order was issued by seeking and applying for proper federal permits, among other efforts; and (3) there is good cause for Cimarex's request for an extension of time to drill, to wit: Cimarex promptly applied with the BLM for drilling permits but has experienced unanticipated delays requiring Cimarex to postpone and reschedule its drilling plans.

WHEREFORE, Cimarex respectfully requests that this Application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on March 2, 2023, and after notice and hearing as required by law, that, based on good cause shown by Cimarex in enumerated Items (1) through (3) above, the Division amend Order No. R-22198 in a manner that provides for a one-year extension of the well commencement deadline.

Under the original Order, Cimarex would be required to commence drilling by July 25, 2023; and therefore, asks for the deadline to commence drilling be extended for a year, to July 25, 2024, thereby, affording Cimarex the opportunity to continue its development of the unit without interruption.

Respectfully submitted,

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Application of Cimarex Energy Co. to Amend Order No. R-22198 for a One-Year Extension of the Well Commencement Deadline, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks to re-open Case No. 22751 and amend Division Order No. R-22198 in order to obtain, based on good cause shown, a one-year extension of the well commencement deadline, such that the drilling deadline would be extended to July 25, 2024. Order No. R-22198 pooled uncommitted interest owners and granted Applicant operating rights for four wells: the Riverbend 11-14 Federal Com 7H, 15H, 16H, and 17H Wells, proposed to be drilled into the Wolfcamp formation and dedicated to the unit underlying the W/2 of Sections 11 and 14, Township 25 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico. The wells and lands are located approximately 9 miles south of Loving, NM.