

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

**APPLICATION OF READ & STEVENS,  
INC. FOR COMPULSORY POOLING,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

CASE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION**

Read & Stevens, Inc., through its undersigned attorneys, hereby files this application with the Oil Conservation Division pursuant to the provisions of NMSA 1978, § 70-2-17, for an order pooling all uncommitted interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying a standard 320-acre, more or less, horizontal well spacing comprised of Lot 4 (NW/4 NW/4 equivalent), the SW/4 NW/4, and the W/2 SW/4 of Section 5 and the W/2 W/2 of Section 8, Township 20 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. In support of its application, Applicant states:

1. Applicant is a working interest owner in the proposed horizontal spacing unit and has the right to drill thereon.
2. Applicant seeks to designate Permian Resources Operating, LLC (OGRID No. 372165) as the operator of the proposed horizontal spacing unit and of the proposed initial well.
3. Applicant seeks to initially dedicate the above-referenced horizontal spacing unit to the following proposed initial well:
  - **Joker 5-8 Federal Com 201H** well, to be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the NE/4 NW/4 (Lot 3) of Section 5, Township 20 South, Range 34 East, to a bottom hole location in the SW/4 SW/4 (Unit M) of Section 8, Township 20 South, Range 34 East.

4. Applicant has sought and been unable to obtain voluntary agreement for the development of these lands from all interest owners in the subject spacing unit.

5. The pooling of interests will allow Applicant to obtain a just and fair share of the oil and gas underlying the subject lands, avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, will prevent waste, and will protect correlative rights.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on June 1, 2023, and, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order:

- A. Pooling all uncommitted interests in the horizontal well spacing unit;
- B. Designating Permian Resources Operating, LLC (OGRID No. 372165) as operator of the horizontal spacing unit and the horizontal well to be drilled thereon;
- C. Authorizing Applicant to recover its costs of drilling, completing, and equipping the well;
- D. Approving the actual operating charges and costs of supervision while drilling and after completion, together with a provision adjusting the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedures; and
- E. Imposing a 200% penalty for the risk assumed by Applicant in drilling and completing the well against any working interest owner who does not voluntarily participate in the drilling of the well.

Respectfully submitted,

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**ATTORNEYS FOR READ & STEVENS, INC.**

CASE \_\_\_\_\_: **Application of Read & Stevens, Inc. for Compulsory Pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks an order pooling all uncommitted interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying a standard 320-acre, more or less, horizontal well spacing comprised of Lot 4 (NW/4 NW/4 equivalent), the SW/4 NW/4, and the W/2 SW/4 of Section 5 and the W/2 W/2 of Section 8, Township 20 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. Said unit will be initially dedicated to the proposed **Joker 5-8 Federal Com 201H** well, to be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the NE/4 NW/4 (Lot 3) of Section 5, Township 20 South, Range 34 East, to a bottom hole location in the SW/4 SW/4 (Unit M) of Section 8, Township 20 South, Range 34 East. Also, to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing the well and the allocation of the cost thereof, actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of Applicant as operator of the well, and a 200% charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located approximately 40 miles northeast of Carlsbad, New Mexico.