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

APPLICATIONS OF READ & STEVENS, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF AN OVERLAPPING HORIZONTAL WELL SPACING UNIT AND COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NOS. 23524-23527

### READ & STEVENS, INC'S CONSOLIDATED PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

Read & Stevens, Inc ("Read & Stevens" or "Applicant"), the applicant in the abovereferenced matters, submits this Consolidated Pre-Hearing Statement pursuant to the rules of the Oil Conservation Division.

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# **APPLICANT'S STATEMENT OF THE CASE**

Under these consolidated cases, Read & Stevens seeks orders (a) approving a standard overlapping horizontal well spacing unit and (b) pooling all uncommitted mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation (Teas; Bone Spring [58960]) underlying the referenced acreage all in Township 20 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, as follows:

• Under Case No. 23524, Read & Stevens seeks to pool a standard 320.95-acre, more or less, overlapping horizontal well spacing unit in the Bone Spring formation comprised of the Lot 4, SW/4 NW/4 and the W/2 SW/4 of Section 3, and the W/2 W/2 of Section 10, and initially dedicate this Bone Spring spacing unit to the proposed Riddler 3-10 Federal Com 111H, Riddler 3-10 Federal Com 121H, and Riddler 3-10 Federal Com 122H wells, all to be horizontally drilled from a surface location in Lot 3 of Section 3 to a bottom hole location in the SW/4 SW/4 (Unit M) of Section 10. This 320.95-acre horizontal well spacing unit will overlap the following existing horizontal well spacing unit covering portions of the subject acreage:

- 160.95-acre, more or less, horizontal well spacing unit comprised of the W/2 W/2 of Section 3, Township 20 South, Range 34 East, dedicated to the North Lea 3 Fed Com #4H (API: 30-025-42684).
- Under Case No. 23525, Read & Stevens seeks to pool a standard 320.85-acre, more or less, overlapping horizontal well spacing unit in the Bone Spring formation comprised of the Lot 3, SE/4 NW/4 and the E/2 SW/4 of Section 3, and the E/2 W/2 of Section 10, and initially dedicate this Bone Spring spacing unit to the proposed Riddler 3-10 Federal Com 112H, Riddler 3-10 Federal Com 123H, and Riddler 3-10 Federal Com 124H wells, all to be horizontally drilled from a surface location in Lot 3 of Section 3 to a bottom hole location in the SE/4 SW/4 (Unit N) of Section 10. This 320.85-acre horizontal well spacing unit will overlap the following existing horizontal well spacing unit covering portions of the subject acreage:
  - 160-acre, more or less, horizontal well spacing unit comprised of the E/2
     W/2 of Section 3, Township 20 South, Range 34 East, dedicated to the
     North Lea 3 Fed Com #3H (API: 30-025-42228).
- Under Case No. 23526, Read & Stevens seeks to pool a standard 320.75-acre, more or less, overlapping horizontal well spacing unit in the Bone Spring formation comprised of the Lot 2, SW/4 NE/4 and the W/2 SE/4 of Section 3, and the W/2 E/2 of Section 10, and initially dedicate this Bone Spring spacing unit to the proposed Riddler 3-10 Federal Com 113H, Riddler 3-10 Federal Com 125H, and Riddler 3-10 Federal Com 126H wells, all to be horizontally drilled from a surface location in Lot 1 of Section 3 to a bottom hole location in the SW/4 SE/4

(Unit O) of Section 10. This 320.75-acre horizontal well spacing unit will overlap the following existing horizontal well spacing units covering portions of the subject acreage:

- 160-acre, more or less, horizontal well spacing unit comprised of the W/2
   E/2 of Section 3, Township 20 South, Range 34 East, dedicated to the North
   Lea 3 Fed Com #2H (API: 30-025-42227); and
- 160-acre, more or less, horizontal well spacing unit comprised of the W/2
   E/2 of Section 10, Township 20 South, Range 34 East, dedicated to the
   North Lea 10 Fed Com #2H (API: 30-025-43680).
- Under Case No. 23527, Read & Stevens seeks to pool a standard 320.65-acre, more or less, overlapping horizontal well spacing unit in the Bone Spring formation comprised of the Lot 1, SE/4 NE/4 and the E/2 SE/4 of Section 3, and the E/2 E/2 of Section 10, and initially dedicate this Bone Spring spacing unit to the proposed Riddler 3-10 Federal Com 114H, Riddler 3-10 Federal Com 127H, and Riddler 3-10 Federal Com 128H wells, all to be horizontally drilled from a surface location in Lot 1 of Section 3 to a bottom hole location in the SE/4 SE/4 (Unit P) of Section This 320.65-acre horizontal well spacing unit will overlap the following existing horizontal well spacing units covering portions of the subject acreage:
  - 160-acre, more or less, horizontal well spacing unit comprised of the E/2
     E/2 of Section 3, Township 20 South, Range 34 East, dedicated to the North
     Lea 3 Fed Com #1H (API: 30-025-42080); and

160-acre, more or less, horizontal well spacing unit comprised of the E/2
 E/2 of Section 10, Township 20 South, Range 34 East, dedicated to the
 North Lea 10 Fed Com #1H (API: 30-025-43679).

The completed interval for each of the wells will meet the statewide setbacks for oil wells.

Read & Stevens has sought and been unable to obtain voluntary agreement for the development of these lands from all working interest owners in the subject acreage.

# **APPLICANT'S PROPOSED EVIDENCE**

WITNESS Name and Expertise	ESTIMATED TIME	EXHIBITS	
Travis Macha, Landman	Self-Affirmed Statement	Approx. 5	
Ira Bradford, Geologist	Self-Affirmed Statement	Approx. 7	

### PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Read & Stevens requests that these matters be consolidated for hearing and intends to present these cases by self-affirmed statement if there is no opposition at the time of hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

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QUESTIONS

Action 220891

### **QUESTIONS**

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Testimony		
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Number of witnesses	Not answered.	
Testimony time (in minutes)	Not answered.	