

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

**APPLICATION OF FRANKLIN MOUNTAIN
ENERGY 3, LLC FOR COMPULSORY POOLING,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

CASE NO. _____

APPLICATION

Franklin Mountain Energy 3, LLC (“Franklin”), OGRID Number 331595, 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 mineral interests within a 280-acre, more or less, Bone Spring horizontal spacing unit comprising W2 SW/4 of Section 23, W/2W/2 of Section 26, and the NW/NW of Section 35, Township 18 South, Range 34 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 W2 SW/4 of Section 23, W/2W/2 of Section 26, and the NW/NW of Section 35, Township 18 South, Range 34 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico to form a standard 280-acre, more or less, Bone Spring horizontal spacing unit.
3. Franklin plans to drill the **Gold State Com 301H and the Gold State Com 601H wells** to a depth sufficient to test the Bone Spring formation. The wells will be horizontally drilled, and the producing area for the wells is expected to be orthodox.

4. Franklin sought, but has been unable to obtain, a voluntary agreement from all interest owners in the Bone Spring formation underlying the proposed spacing unit to participate in the drilling of the wells or to otherwise commit their interests to the well.

5. The pooling of all interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying the proposed unit will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

6. Franklin is requesting a hearing on July 6, 2023 due to rig availability, *i.e.*, a rig has unexpectedly become available and Franklin's goal is to use that rig to drill the Gold State Com wells.

WHEREFORE, Franklin requests this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on July 6, 2023 and after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter its order:

A. Pooling all uncommitted interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying a horizontal spacing unit within the W2 SW/4 of Section 23, W/2W/2 of Section 26, and the NW/NW of Section 35, Township 18 South, Range 34 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico;

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

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

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 wells in the event a working interest owner elects not to participate in the wells.

Respectfully submitted,

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CASE NO. _____: Application of Franklin Mountain Energy 3, LLC for Compulsory Pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order from the Division pooling all uncommitted mineral interests within a 280-acre, more or less, Bone Spring horizontal spacing unit comprising W2 SW/4 of Section 23, W/2W/2 of Section 26, and the NW/NW of Section 35, Township 18 South, Range 34 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico. This spacing unit will be dedicated to the **Gold State Com 301H and Gold State 601H wells**, 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 wells, the allocation of these costs as well as the actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of Franklin Mountain Energy 3, LLC as operator of the wells, and a 200% charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located approximately 24 miles west of Hobbs, New Mexico.