

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

**APPLICATION OF CIMAREX ENERGY CO.
TO AMEND ORDER NO. R-22343 FOR
AN EXTENSION OF THE WELL
COMMENCEMENT DEADLINE**

**Case No. _____
Reopen Case No. 22894 and Amend
Order No. R-22343**

APPLICATION

Cimarex Energy Co. (“Cimarex”), OGRID No. 215099, through its undersigned attorneys, hereby files this Application with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (“Division”), pursuant to Paragraphs (19) and (20), under Division Order No. R-22343, in order to reopen Case No. 22894, and request a one-year extension of the well commencement deadline in the Order, which was issued October 28, 2022. This Order pooled all uncommitted interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying the E/2 of Sections 12 and 13, Township 25 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, and granted Cimarex the operating rights for the following wells proposed to be drilled within the unit: the Riverbend 12-13 Federal Com 1H Well; the Riverbend 12-13 Federal Com 2H Well; the Riverbend 12-13 Federal Com 19H Well; and the Riverbend 12-13 Federal Com 20H Well. Said Paragraph (20) of the Order allows for an extension for good cause shown.

In support of its Application, Cimarex states the following: Cimarex is in good standing under special and state-wide rules and regulations with respect to Order No. R-22343, and in good-faith has made substantial progress toward the development of the unit since the Order was issued by obtaining and scheduling a drilling rig for the unit. However, the rig available for these wells had to be scheduled on a date and time that is uncomfortably close to the final drilling

commencement date that is specified in the Order which provides no latitude should a foreseen or unforeseen delay occur. As a result, Cimarex respectfully requests that an extension of time for the drilling commencement date be granted to ensure that the rigs can be safely moved into place without the unnecessary rush to meet the impending deadline.

WHEREFORE, Cimarex respectfully requests that this Application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on August 3, 2023, and after notice and hearing as required by law, that based on good cause shown by Cimarex for the reasons above-described, the Division reopen Case No. 22894 and amend Order No. R-22343 in a manner that provides for the standard one-year extension of the well commencement deadline, extending it through October 28, 2024, which affords Cimarex the opportunity to continue the safe development of the unit and account for any delay.

Respectfully submitted,

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Application of Cimarex Energy Co. to Reopen Case No. 22894 and Amend Order No. R-22343 for an Extension of the Well Commencement Deadline, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks to re-open Case No. 22894 and amend Division Order No. R-22343 in order to obtain, based on good cause shown, a one-year extension of the well commencement deadline, requesting it to be extended through October 28, 2024. Order No. R-22343 pooled uncommitted interest owners and granted Applicant operating rights for the Riverbend 12-13 Federal Com 1H, 2H, 19H, and 20H Wells proposed to be drilled into the Wolfcamp formation underlying the E/2 of Sections 12 and 13, Township 25 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico. The wells and lands are located approximately 10 miles north of the New Mexico state line and approximately 66 miles southwest of Hobbs, New Mexico.