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

APPLICATION OF MRC PERMIAN COMPANY FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

## **APPLICATION**

MRC Permian Company ("MRC" or "Applicant"), through undersigned attorneys, files this application with the Oil Conservation Division pursuant to the provisions of NMSA 1978, § 70-2-17, for an order pooling all uncommitted mineral owners in a standard 240-acre, more or less, horizontal well spacing unit in the Wolfcamp formation underlying the N2N2 of Section 33 and the N2NE4 of Section 32, Township 20 South, Range 30 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico. In support of its application, MRC states:

- 1. Applicant is a working interest owner in the proposed horizontal well spacing unit and has the right to drill thereon.
- 2. Applicant seeks to designate Matador Production Company (OGRID No. 228937) as the operator of the proposed horizontal spacing unit.
- 3. Applicant seeks to initially dedicate the above-referenced horizontal well spacing unit to the proposed **Alyson 3332 Fed Com 201H** well to be horizontally drilled from a surface hole location in the NE4NE4 (Unit A) of Section 33, with a first take point in the NE4NE4 (Unit A) and a last take point in the NW4NE4 (Unit B) of Section 32.
- 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 September 7, 2023, and, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order:

- A. Pooling all uncommitted interest owners in the proposed horizontal well spacing unit;
- B. Designating Matador Production Company as operator of this horizontal well spacing unit and the wells to be drilled thereon;
- C. Authorizing Applicant to recover its costs of drilling, completing, and equipping the wells;
- 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 wells against any working interest owner who does not voluntarily participate in the drilling of the wells.

Respectfully submitted,

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CASE :

Application of MRC Permian Company for Compulsory Pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks an order pooling all uncommitted mineral owners in a standard 240-acre horizontal well spacing unit in the Wolfcamp formation underlying the N2N2 of Section 33 and the N2NE4 of Section 32, Township 20 South, Range 30 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico. Said unit will be initially dedicated to the proposed Alyson 3332 Fed Com 201H well to be horizontally drilled from a surface hole location in the NE4NE4 (Unit A) of Section 33, with a first take point in the NE4NE4 (Unit A) and a last take point in the NW4NE4 (Unit B) of Section 32. 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 Matador Production Company as operator of the well, and a 200% charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located approximately 16 miles northeast of Carlsbad, New Mexico.