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

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

CASE	NO.	

## **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 a standard 320-acre, more or less, horizontal well spacing unit in the Wolfcamp formation underlying the W2E2 of Sections 16 and 21, Township 18 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea 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 **Iggles State Com 243H** well to be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the SE4 of Section 21, with a first take point in the SW4SE4 (Unit O) of Section 21 and a last take point in the NW4NE4 (Unit B) of Section 16.
- 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. Pooling this horizontal well spacing unit 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 October 5, 2023, and, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order:

- A. Pooling all uncommitted interests 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 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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CASE :

Application of MRC Permian Company for Compulsory Pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks an order pooling a 320-acre, more or less, standard horizontal well spacing unit in the Wolfcamp formation underlying the W2E2 of Sections 16 and 21, Township 18 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. This unit will be initially dedicated to the proposed Iggles State Com 243H well to be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the SE4 of Section 21, with a first take point in the SW4SE4 (Unit O) of Section 21 and a last take point in the NW4NE4 (Unit B) of Section 16. 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 and completing said well. The subject area is located approximately 15 miles northeast of Halfway, New Mexico.