

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

**APPLICATIONS OF MEWBOURNE OIL  
COMPANY FOR COMPULSORY POOLING,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

**Case Nos. 23365 & 23366**

**APPLICATIONS OF EARTHSTONE  
OPERATING, LLC FOR COMPULSORY  
POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

**Case Nos. 23475 & 23477**

**PRE-HEARING STATEMENT**

This pre-hearing statement is submitted by applicant as required by the Oil Conservation Division.

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**STATEMENT OF THE CASE**

**APPLICANT**

Case No. 23365: Mewbourne Oil Company seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying a horizontal spacing unit comprised of the W/2E/2 of Section 18 and the W/2E/2 of Section 7, Township 21 South, Range 35 East, NMPM. The unit will be

dedicated to the North Wilson Deep Unit Well No. 8H, with a first take point in the SW/4SE/4 of Section 18 and a last take point in the NW/4NE/4 of Section 7.

Case No. 23366: Mewbourne Oil Company seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying a horizontal spacing unit comprised of the E/2E/2 of Section 18 and the E/2E/2 of Section 7, Township 21 South, Range 35 East, NMPM. The unit will be dedicated to the North Wilson Deep Unit Well No. 9H, with a first take point in the SE/4SE/4 of Section 18 and a last take point in the NE/4NE/4 of Section 7.

Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling, completing, testing, and equipping the wells and the allocation of the cost thereof, as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the wells, and a 200% charge for the risk involved in drilling, completing, testing, and equipping the wells.

Mewbourne Oil Company requests that the Division grant its applications and deny those of Earthstone Operating, LLC, based on traditional pooling factors such as working interest ownership or control, drilling experience in the immediate area, and initiating the process of drilling the proposed wells in the area.

In addition, a portion of the lands are in the North Wilson Deep Unit Area, a unit comprised 100% of State lands. Under Both State Land Office and Division rules, the approval of the State Land Office is required in order to drill inside the unit. Mewbourne Oil Company has that approval, but Earthstone Operating, LLC does not.

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Earthstone Operating, LLC's applications seek to pool the Bone Spring formation in the same acreage that is in Mewbourne Oil Company's applications.

**PROPOSED EVIDENCE**

APPLICANT

<u>WITNESSES</u>	<u>EST. TIME</u>	<u>EXHIBIT</u>
Adriana Salgado (landman)	15 min.	Approx. 8
Jordan Carroll (geologist)	15 min.	Approx.6

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<u>WITNESSES</u>	<u>EST. TIME</u>	<u>EXHIBITS</u>
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**PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

Applicant requests that the cases be consolidated for hearing.

Respectfully submitted,



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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing pleading was served upon the following counsel of record this 14th day of September, 2023 by e-mail:

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QUESTIONS

Action 265473

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**QUESTIONS**

<b>Testimony</b>	
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Testimony time (in minutes)	<i>Not answered.</i>