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

APPLICATION OF LEGACY RESERVES OPERATING LP TO AMEND ORDER NO. R-22336, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

**CASE NOS. 23800** 

(Formerly Case 22226)

APPLICATION OF LEGACY RESERVES OPERATING LP TO AMEND ORDER NO. R-22337, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

**CASE NOS. 23801** 

(Formerly Case 22227)

APPLICATION OF LEGACY RESERVES OPERATING LP TO AMEND ORDER NO. R-22338, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

**CASE NOS. 23802** 

(Formerly Case 22228)

APPLICATION OF LEGACY RESERVES OPERATING LP TO AMEND ORDER NO. R-22339, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

**CASE NOS. 23803** 

(Formerly Case 22229)

## LEGACY RESERVES OPERATING LP'S CONSOLIDATED PRE-HEARING <u>STATEMENT</u>

Legacy Reserves Operating LP ("Legacy") submits this Pre-Hearing Statement pursuant to the rules of the Oil Conservation Division.

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### **APPLICANT'S STATEMENT OF CASE**

Legacy seeks orders extending for an additional year the obligation to commence drilling under Division Orders R-22336, R-22337, R-22338, and R-22339 issued on October 28, 2022 in Case Nos. 22226, 22227, 22228, and 22229, respectively. These orders pooled all uncommitted interest owners in the Bone Spring formation underlying standard 320-acre horizontal spacing units in Sections 14 and 23, Township 19 South, Range 33 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico, as follows:

- Order R-22336 pooled the W½W½ of Section 14 and the W½W½ of Section 23 and dedicated the 320-acre spacing unit to the proposed Sapphire Fed Com 501H Well (API No. Pending);
- Order R-22337 pooled the E½W½ of Section 14 and the E½W½ of Section 23 and dedicated the 320-acre spacing unit to the proposed **Sapphire Fed Com 502H Well** (API No. Pending);
- Order R-22338 pooled the W½E½ of Section 14 and the W½E½ of Section 23 and dedicated the 320-acre spacing unit to the proposed Sapphire Fed Com 503H Well (API No. Pending); and
- Order R-22339 pooled the E½E½ of Section 14 and the E½E½ of Section 23 and dedicated the 320-acre spacing unit to the proposed Sapphire Fed Com 504H Well (API No. Pending).

Each order requires Applicant to commence drilling the wells "within one year after the date of this Order, and complete Well no later than one (1) year after the commencement of drilling the Well." The orders further provide that the order will terminate if the well is not timely commenced, unless the operator "obtains an extension by an amendment of this Order for good cause shown."

Applicant plans to drill the proposed wells but is revising its development plan based on proximate well data. Applicant seeks additional time to plan and permit additional wells to be

batch drilled. An extension will enable Applicant to maximize productivity, prevent economic waste, and minimize surface and environmental impacts with more efficient planning. Therefore, Applicant requests that the Division amend the existing orders to extend the time to commence drilling the proposed wells to October 28, 2024.

#### APPLICANT'S PROPOSED EVIDENCE

The witnesses are as follows:

WITNESS ESTIMATED TIME EXHIBITS
Name and Expertise

Carl Messina, Landman 15 minutes Approx. 5

#### **PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

The Division has consolidated for hearings Case Nos. 23800 through 23803. Dated this 28th day of September, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

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QUESTIONS

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#### **QUESTIONS**

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#### QUESTIONS

Testimony	
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Number of witnesses	1
Testimony time (in minutes)	15