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

## APPLICATION OF COLGATE OPERATING, LLC TO EXTEND TIME TO COMMENCE DRILLING OPERATIONS, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ ORDER NO. R-22432

## **APPLICATION**

Colgate Operating, LLC ("Applicant") (OGRID No. 371449) files this application with the Oil Conservation Division ("Division") requesting a one-year extension of time to commence drilling the well authorized by Order No. R-22432 ("Order"). In support of its application, Applicant states the following.

1. The Division entered the Order in Case No. 22941 on December 5, 2022.

2. The Order pooled all uncommitted interests in the First Bone Spring and Second Bone Spring formations underlying a 160-acre, more or less, standard horizontal spacing unit comprised of the N/2 S/2 of Section 13, Township 20 South, Range 28 East, Eddy County, New Mexico ("Unit") and dedicated the Unit to the Wombat 13 Fed Com 123H well ("Well").

3. The Order designated Applicant as operator of the Unit and Well.

4. Paragraph 19 of the Order requires Applicant to commence drilling the Well within one (1) year of the date of the Order unless Applicant obtains a time extension from the Division Director for good cause shown.

5. Applicant's ability to commence drilling the Well has been impacted by federal permitting delays and delays due to the merger of Colgate and Centennial Resources.

6. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the Division extend the deadline to commence drilling the Well until December 5, 2024.

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7. Good cause exists for the requested extension.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests this application be set for hearing on November 2, 2023, and after notice and hearing, the Division extend the deadline to commence drilling the Well under the Order until December 5, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

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