

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

**APPLICATION OF MATADOR PRODUCTION TO
EXTEND THE DRILLING DEADLINE UNDER ORDER R-21945,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

CASE NO. _____

APPLICATION

Matador Production Company (“Matador” or “Applicant”), through its undersigned attorneys, hereby files this application with the Oil Conservation Division to extend the drilling deadline under compulsory pooling Order No. R-21945. In support of its application, Matador states:

1. On December 7, 2021, the Division entered Order R-21945 in Case 22346 pooling the Bone Spring formation underlying a standard 240-acre horizontal well spacing unit comprised of the E2SE4 of Section 30 and the E2E2 of Section 31, Township 24 South, Range 36 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico (the “Pooling Order”). Matador is the designated operator under the Pooling Order and the pooled spacing unit is initially dedicated to the proposed **Bivins Fed Com 138H** well.

2. On March 11, 2023, the Division entered Order R-21945-A in Case 23122 extending until December 8, 2023, the deadline to drill the initial well under the Pooling Order. At the Division hearing, Matador demonstrated the drilling permit filed with the Bureau of Land Management in October 2021 and has not been approval.

3. As of the filing of this application, the drilling permit on file with the Bureau of Land Management has still not been approved.

4. Good cause exists to extend the deadline to commence drilling the initial well under the Pooling Order.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on November 2, 2023, and, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order extending until December 8, 2024, the deadline to commence drilling the initial well under the Pooling Order.

Respectfully submitted,

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CASE _____:

Application of Matador Production Company to Extend the Drilling Deadline Under Order R-21945, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks an extension of time to drill the initial well under pooling Order No. R-21945. This Order pooled the Bone Spring formation underlying a standard 240-acre horizontal well spacing unit comprised of the E2SE4 of Section 30 and the E2E2 of Section 31, Township 24 South, Range 36 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. Matador is the designated operator under the pooling order and the pooled spacing unit is initially dedicated to the proposed **Bivins Fed Com 138H** well. Said area is located 7 miles northwest of Jal, New Mexico.