

**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-21944,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

**CASE NO. 23891  
ORDER NO. R-21944-A**

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

**CASE NO. 23892  
ORDER NO. R-21945-A**

**APPLICATION OF MATADOR PRODUCTION TO  
EXTEND THE DRILLING DEADLINE UNDER ORDER R-21946,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

**CASE NO. 23893  
ORDER NO. R-21946-A**

**APPLICATION OF MATADOR PRODUCTION TO  
EXTEND THE DRILLING DEADLINE UNDER ORDER R-21947,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

**CASE NO. 23894  
ORDER NO. R-21947**

**MATADOR'S CONSOLIDATED PRE-HEARING STATEMENT**

Matador Production Company (“Matador” or “Applicant”), the applicant in the above-referenced matters, submits this Consolidated Pre-Hearing Statement pursuant to the rules of the Oil Conservation Division.

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**APPLICANT'S STATEMENT OF THE CASE**

In **Case No. 23891**, Matador seeks an order to amend Order No. R-21944-A (“Pooling Order”) to allow for an extension of time for drilling the proposed initial well under the Pooling Order. On December 7, 2021, the Division entered Order No. R-21944 in Case No. 22345 pooling the uncommitted interests in the Bone Spring formation (WC-025 G-08 S2535340; Bone Spring [97088]) underlying a standard 240-acre, more or less, horizontal spacing unit comprised of the W/2 SE/4 of Section 30 and the W/2 E/2 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 137H** well (API No. 30-025-PENDING). On March 11, 2023, the Division entered Order R-21944-A in Case No. 23121 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 (“BLM”) in October 2021 had not yet been approved.

In **Case No. 23892**, Matador seeks an order to amend Order No. R-21945-A (“Pooling Order”) to allow for an extension of time for drilling the proposed initial well under the Pooling Order. On December 7, 2021, the Division entered Order No. R-21945 in Case No. 22346 pooling the uncommitted interests in the Bone Spring formation (WC-025 G-08 S2535340; Bone Spring [97088]) underlying a standard 240-acre, more or less, horizontal spacing unit comprised of the E/2 SE/4 of Section 30 and the E/2 E/2 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 (API No. 30-025-PENDING). On March 11, 2023, the Division entered Order R-21945-A in Case No. 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 BLM in October 2021 had not yet been approved.

In **Case No. 23893**, Matador seeks an order to amend Order No. R-21946-A (“Pooling Order”) to allow for an extension of time for drilling the proposed initial well under the Pooling Order. On December 7, 2021, the Division entered Order No. R-21946 in Case No. 22347 pooling the uncommitted interests in the Wolfcamp formation (Jal; Wolfcamp, West [33813]) underlying a standard 240-acre, more or less, horizontal spacing unit comprised of the W/2 SE/4 of Section 30 and the W/2 E/2 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 213H** well (API No. 30-025-PENDING). On March 11, 2023, the Division entered Order R-21946-A in Case No. 23123 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 BLM in October 2021 had not yet been approved.

In **Case No. 23894**, Matador seeks an order to amend Order No. R-21947-A (“Pooling Order”) to allow for an extension of time for drilling the proposed initial well under the Order. On December 7, 2021, the Division entered Order No. R-21947 in Case No. 22348 pooling the uncommitted interests in the Wolfcamp formation (Jal; Wolfcamp, West [33813]) underlying a standard 240-acre, more or less, horizontal spacing unit comprised of the E/2 SE/4 of Section 30 and the E/2 E/2 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 214H** well (API No. 30-025-PENDING). On March 11, 2023, the Division entered Order R-21947-A in Case 23124 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 BLM in October 2021 had not yet been approved.

There is good cause for Applicant’s request for an extension of time to drill. As of the filing of these applications, the drilling permits filed with the BLM have still not been approved.

**APPLICANT’S PROPOSED EVIDENCE**

<b>WITNESS Name and Expertise</b>	<b>ESTIMATED TIME</b>	<b>EXHIBITS</b>
David Johns, Landman	Affidavit	Approx. 3

**PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

Matador requests that these matters be consolidated for hearing and intends to present these cases by affidavit if there is no opposition at the time of hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

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QUESTIONS

Action 279551

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**QUESTIONS**

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