

**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-21937,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

**CASE NO. 23899
ORDER NO. R-21937-A**

**APPLICATION OF MATADOR PRODUCTION TO
EXTEND THE DRILLING DEADLINE UNDER ORDER R-21938,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

**CASE NO. 23900
ORDER NO. R-21938-A**

**APPLICATION OF MATADOR PRODUCTION TO
EXTEND THE DRILLING DEADLINE UNDER ORDER R-21939,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

**CASE NO. 23901
ORDER NO. R-21939-A**

**APPLICATION OF MATADOR PRODUCTION TO
EXTEND THE DRILLING DEADLINE UNDER ORDER R-21940,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

**CASE NO. 23902
ORDER NO. R-21940-A**

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. 23899**, Matador seeks an order to amend Order No. R-21937-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-21937 in Case No. 22269 pooling the uncommitted interests in the Bone Spring formation (WC-025 G-08 S2535340; Bone Spring [97088]) underlying a standard 247.83-acre, more or less, horizontal spacing unit comprised of the W/2 SW/4 of Section 30 and the W/2 W/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 **Weinberger Fed Com #135H** well (API No. 30-025-PENDING). On March 11, 2023, the Division entered Order R-21937-A in Case No. 23125 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 September 2021 had not yet been approved.

In **Case No. 23900**, Matador seeks an order to amend Order No. R-21938-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-21938 in Case No. 22270 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 SW/4 of Section 30 and the E/2 W/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 **Weinberger Fed Com #136H** well (API No. 30-025-PENDING). On March 11, 2023, the Division entered Order R-21938-A in Case No. 23126 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 September 2021 had not yet been approved.

In **Case No. 23901**, Matador seeks an order to amend Order No. R-21939-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-21939 in Case No. 22271 pooling the uncommitted interests in the Wolfcamp formation (Jal; Wolfcamp, West [33813]) underlying a standard 247.83-acre, more or less, horizontal spacing unit comprised of the W/2 SW/4 of Section 30 and the W/2 W/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 **Weinberger Fed Com #211H** well (API No. 30-025-PENDING). On March 11, 2023, the Division entered Order R-21939-A in Case No. 23127 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 September 2021 had not yet been approved.

In **Case No. 23902**, Matador seeks an order to amend Order No. R-21940 (“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-21940 in Case No. 22272 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 SW/4 of Section 30 and the E/2 W/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 **Weinberger Fed Com #212H** well (API No. 30-025-PENDING). On March 11, 2023, the Division entered Order R-21940-A in Case No. 23128 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 September 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


WITNESS Name and Expertise	ESTIMATED TIME	EXHIBITS
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 279560

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QUESTIONS

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