

**BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
EXAMINER HEARING NOVEMBER 2, 2023**

CASE NO. 23935

JAMES RANCH UNIT EXPANSION

EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO



**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
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APPLICATION

XTO Permian Operating LLC., (“XTO”) (OGRID No. 373075) through its undersigned attorneys, hereby files this application with the Oil Conservation Division to expand the geographic area of the James Ranch Unit (“Unit”) by 2,400 acres of land. In support of this application, XTO states:

1. Applicant is the designated operator of the Unit.
2. The Unit currently consists of 28,318.09 acres of Federal, State and Fee lands in

Eddy County, comprised of the following acreage:

Township 21 South - Range 30 East N.M.P.M.

- Section 25: All
- Section 26: All
- Section 27: S/2
- Section 31: Lots 1-8; E/2W/2; E/2
- Section 32: All
- Section 33: All
- Section 34: W/2; NE/4; SE/4

Township 22 South - Range 29 East N.M.P.M.

- Section 1: Lots 1-4; S/2N/2; S/2
- Section 11: All
- Section 12: All
- Section 13: All
- Section 14: All

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Township 22 South - Range 30 East N.M.P.M.

Section 3: Lots 1-4; S/2N/2; S/2
Section 4: Lots 1-4; S/2N/2; S/2
Section 5: Lots 1-4; S/2N/2; S/2
Section 6: Lots 1-7; SE/4NW/4; E/2SW/4; SE/4; S/2NE/4
Section 7: Lots 1-4; E/2W/2; E/2
Section 8: All
Section 9: All
Section 10: All
Section 12: N/2SE/4; SW/4SE/4; S/2SW/4;
Section 13: NE/4NW/4; W/2W/2
Section 14: All
Section 15: All
Section 16: All
Section 17: E/2; E/2W/2; W/2SW/4; W/2NW/4
Section 18: Lots 1-4; E/2W/2; E/2
Section 19: Lots 1-4; E/2W/2; E/2
Section 20: All
Section 21: All
Section 22: All
Section 23: All
Section 24: W/2NW/4
Section 26: All
Section 27: All
Section 28: All
Section 29: All
Section 30: Lots 1-4; E/2W/2; E/2
Section 33: E/2
Section 34: All
Section 35: All
Section 36: All

Township 22 South - Range 31 East N.M.P.M.

Section 7: Lot 2
Section 31: Lots 1-4; E/2W/2; E/2

Township 23 South - Range 30 East N.M.P.M.

Section 1: Lots 1-4; S/2NE/4; SE/4
Section 2: Lots 1-4

Township 23 South - Range 31 East N.M.P.M.

Section 5: Lot 4; SW/4NW/4; W/2SW/4

Section 6: Lots 1-7; SE/4NW/4; E/2SW/4; S/2NE/4; SE/4

Section 7: Lots 1-4; E/2W/2; E/2

Section 8: W/2

Section 17: NW/4

Section 18: Lots 1, 2; E/2NW/4; NE/4

3. The unitized interval for the James Ranch Unit includes all depths.
4. XTO has met with Bureau of Land Management and the State Land Office about expanding the James Ranch Unit to include additional Federal and State lands.
5. The Unit Area will now consist of approximately 30,718.09 acres. The expansion area consists of approximately 2,400 acres, comprised of the following Federal and State lands in Eddy County, New Mexico:

Township 22 South - Range 30 East N.M.P.M.

Sec. 12: SE/4 SE/4 (40 acres)

Sec. 13: E/2, SE/4 NW/4, E/2 SW/4 (440 acres)

Sec. 24: E/2, E/2 W/2, W/2 SW/4 (560 acres)

Sec. 25: N/2, SW/4, S/2 SE/4 (640 acres)

Township 23 South - Range 30 East N.M.P.M.

Sec. 1: S/2 NW/4, SW/4 (240 acres)

Sec. 2: S/2 N/2, W/2 SW/4, SE/4 SW/4, N/2 SE/4, NE/4 SW/4, S/2 SE/4 (480 acres)

6. The unitized interval for the expanded James Ranch Unit remains all depths.
7. XTO will remain the designated operator under the revised Unit Agreement.
8. XTO has received preliminary approval of the Unit Agreement for the expanded James Ranch Unit from the Bureau of Land Management and the State Land Office. Final approval requires joinder by a sufficient percentage of the interest owners within the proposed expanded Unit Area.

9. The Unit Agreement, and the unitized operation and management of the Unit Area, are in the best interest of conservation, the prevention of waste, and the protection of correlative rights.

WHEREFORE, XTO requests that this Application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation on November 2, 2023, and after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter its order granting this Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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**ATTORNEYS FOR XTO PERMIAN OPERATING
LLC.**

CASE _____: **Application of XTO Permian Operating LLC. for Approval of Expansion of the James Ranch Unit, Eddy County, New Mexico.** Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks an order expanding their James Ranch Unit to include 2,400 acres of additional Federal and State lands in Eddy County, comprised of the following acreage:

Township 22 South - Range 30 East N.M.P.M.

- Sec. 12: SE/4 SE/4 (40 acres)
- Sec. 13: E/2, SE/4 NW/4, E/2 SW/4 (440 acres)
- Sec. 24: E/2, E/2 W/2, W/2 SW/4 (560 acres)
- Sec. 25: N/2, SW/4, S/2 SE/4 (560 acres)

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- Sec. 2: S/2 N/2, W/2 SW/4, SE/4 SW/4, N/2 SE/4, NE/4 SW/4, S/2 SE/4 (480 acres)

The unitized interval for the expanded James Ranch Unit remains all depths. This area is located approximately 16 miles east of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

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SELF AFFIRMED STATEMENT OF JOSHUA PRASATIK

1. My name is Joshua Prasatik, and I am employed by XTO Energy Inc. (“XTO”) as a landman.
2. I have previously testified before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (“Division”) as an expert witness in petroleum land matters. My credentials as a petroleum landman have been accepted by the Division and made a matter of record.
3. I am the landman responsible for the expansion of the James Ranch Unit and I am familiar with the application filed by XTO Permian Operating LLC. (“XTO”) in this matter and the status of the lands in the subject area.
4. Because this application seeks approval of a voluntary unit expansion, I do not expect opposition at the hearing. XTO sent a Notice of Expansion to each lessor and overriding royalty interest owner in the unit as required by Article 2 of the Unit Agreement, advising that 30 days will be allowed for submission to the Unit Operator of any objections. In the 30-day period following delivery of the Notice, beginning September 27, 2023, XTO has not received any objections to the expansion.
5. In this case, XTO seeks an order amending Order R-279-B to expand the geographic area of the James Ranch Unit Area.

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Santa Fe, New Mexico
Exhibit No. B
Submitted by: XTO Permian Operating LLC.
Hearing Date: November 2, 2023
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6. As background, the James Ranch Unit (“JRU”) was original approved by the Oil Conservation Commission under Order No. R-279 in Case No. 472. Order R-279 approved the JRU Agreement and proposed unit, which consisted of approximately 20,656.98 acres. The unit was contracted in 1979, but expanded in 2017 under Order R-279-B, attached as **XTO Exhibit B-1**, and currently consists of 28,318.09 acres of Federal, State and Fee lands in Eddy County, comprised of the following acreage:

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- Section 31: Lots 1-8; E/2W/2; E/2
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- Section 13: All
- Section 14: All

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- Section 4: Lots 1-4; S/2N/2; S/2
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- Section 6: Lots 1-7; SE/4NW/4; E/2SW/4; SE/4; S/2NE/4
- Section 7: Lots 1-4; E/2W/2; E/2
- Section 8: All
- Section 9: All
- Section 10: All
- Section 12: N/2SE/4; SW/4SE/4; S/2SW/4;
- Section 13: NE/4NW/4; W/2W/2
- Section 14: All
- Section 15: All
- Section 16: All
- Section 17: E/2; E/2W/2; W/2SW/4; W/2NW/4

Section 18: Lots 1-4; E/2W/2; E/2
 Section 19: Lots 1-4; E/2W/2; E/2
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 Section 29: All
 Section 30: Lots 1-4; E/2W/2; E/2
 Section 33: E/2
 Section 34: All
 Section 35: All
 Section 36: All

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 Section 7: Lots 1-4; E/2W/2; E/2
 Section 8: W/2
 Section 17: NW/4
 Section 18: Lots 1, 2; E/2NW/4; NE/4

7. The unitized interval for the JRU includes all depths.
8. The JRU currently includes participating areas covering the Atoka, Bone Spring, Delaware, Morrow, and Wolfcamp formations. XTO's current development plans focus on the Bone Spring and Wolfcamp formations in both the existing unit and proposed expansion acreage.

9. XTO is the successor-in-interest to Bass Enterprises Production Co. and successor operator of the JRU under the terms of the JRU Agreement.

10. **XTO Exhibit B-2** is a letter from the Bureau of Land Management (“BLM”) with preliminary approval of the unit expansion.

11. **XTO Exhibit B-3** is a letter from the New Mexico State Land Office (“SLO”) with preliminary approval of the unit expansion.

12. Pursuant to the letter approvals, XTO now seeks approval from the Division to expand the Unit Area to include approximately 2,400 acres, comprised of the following Federal and State lands in Eddy County, New Mexico:

Township 22 South - Range 30 East N.M.P.M.

- Sec. 12: SE/4 SE/4 (40 acres)
- Sec. 13: E/2, SE/4 NW/4, E/2 SW/4 (440 acres)
- Sec. 24: E/2, E/2 W/2, W/2 SW/4 (560 acres)
- Sec. 25: N/2, SW/4, S/2 SE/4, N/2 SE/4 (640 acres)

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- Sec. 1: S/2 NW/4, SW/4 (240 acres)
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13. **XTO Exhibit B-4** is a plat showing the boundaries of the existing Unit Area outlined in blue. Outlined in red is the acreage XTO seeks to include within the unit expansion.

14. The unitized interval for the expanded James Ranch Unit remains all depths.

15. All other provisions of Order R-279-B are proposed to remain unchanged.

16. XTO has provided the law firm of Holland & Hart LLP with the names and addresses to the working interest owners that have not signed the Amended Unit Agreement, as well as any royalty and overriding royalty owners that have not ratified the Unit Agreement or which are not subject to an agreement authorizing unitization. Notice was also provided to the BLM and SLO.

17. In my opinion, approval of this application will be in the best interest of conservation, the prevention of waste, and the protection of correlative rights.

18. **XTO Exhibits B-1 through B-4** were either prepared by me or compiled under my direction and supervision.

19. I affirm under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of New Mexico that the foregoing statements are true and correct. I understand that this self-affirmed statement will be used as written testimony in this case. This statement is made on the date next to my signature below.



Joshua Prasatik

October 30th, 2023

Date

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION
DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF
CONSIDERING:**

**(Reopened) CASE NO. 15844
ORDER NO. R-279-B**

**AMENDED APPLICATION OF XTO ENERGY INC. FOR APPROVAL OF
EXPANSION OF THE JAMES RANCH UNIT, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This case came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on November 8, 2017, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Michael A. McMillan.

NOW, on this 1st day of February, 2018, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record and the recommendations of the Examiner,

FINDS THAT:

- (1) Due public notice has been given, and the Division has jurisdiction of this case and of the subject matter.
- (2) XTO Energy, Inc. ("XTO or Applicant") has made application to amend Order No. R-279 to expand the geographic area of the James Ranch Unit.
- (3) Under Division Order No. R-279 issued on February 17, 1953 in Case No. 472, the Division approved the James Ranch Unit initially comprising 20,656.98 acres, more or less, of Federal, State, and Private lands in Eddy County.
- (4) The revised Unit Agreement for the expanded James Ranch Unit has been approved by a sufficient percentage of the interest owners within the proposed expanded Unit Area to provide effective control of unit operations.
- (5) The Unitized Interval includes all oil and gas in any and all formations of the unitized lands and is unitized under the terms of this agreement and herein are called "unitized substances".

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(6) The Unit Area, referred to as either "unitized land" or "land subject to this agreement" for the expanded James Ranch Unit will consist of 28,319.09 acres, more or less, and will encompass the following Federal, Private, and State lands in Eddy County, New Mexico:

TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, NMPM, EDDY COUNTY

Section 25: All
Section 26: All
Section 27: S/2
Section 31: Lots 1-8; E/2 W/2; E/2 (All)
Section 32: All
Section 33: All
Section 34: All

TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, NMPM, EDDY COUNTY

Section 1: Lots 1-4; S/2 N/2; S/2 (All)
Section 11: All
Section 12: All
Section 13: All
Section 14: All

TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, NMPM, EDDY COUNTY

Section 3: Lots 1-4; S/2 N/2; S/2 (All)
Section 4: Lots 1-4; S/2 N/2; S/2 (All)
Section 5: Lots 1-4; S/2 NW/4; S/2 (All)
Section 6: Lots 1-7; SE/4 NW/4; E/2 SW/4; SE/4; S/2 NE/4 (All)
Section 7: Lots 1-4; E/2 W/2; E/2 (All)
Section 8: All
Section 9: All
Section 10: All
Section 12: N/2 SE/4; SW/4 SE/4; S/2 SW/4
Section 13: NE/4 NW/4; W/2 W/2
Section 14: All
Section 15: All
Section 16: All
Section 17: All
Section 18: Lots 1-4; E/2 W/2; E/2 (All)
Section 19: Lots 1-4; E/2 W/2; E/2 (All)
Section 20: All
Section 21: All
Section 22: All
Section 23: All

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Section 24:	W/2 NW/4
Section 26:	All
Section 27:	All
Section 28:	All
Section 29:	All
Section 30:	Lots 1-4; E/2 W/2; E/2 (All)
Section 33:	E/2
Section 34:	All
Section 35:	All
Section 36:	All

TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, NMPM, EDDY COUNTY

Section 7:	Lot 2
Section 31:	Lots 1-4; E/2 W/2; E/2 (All)

TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, NMPM, EDDY COUNTY

Section 1:	Lots 1-4; S/2 NE/4; SE/4 (All)
Section 2:	Lots 1-4 (N/2 N/2 equivalent)

TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, NMPM, EDDY COUNTY

Section 5:	Lot 4; SW/4 NW/4; W/2 SW/4
Section 6:	Lots 1-7; SE/4 NW/4; E/2 SW/4; S/2 NE/4; SE/4 (All)
Section 7:	Lots 1-4; E/2 W/2; SE/4 (All)
Section 8:	W/2
Section 17:	NW/4
Section 18:	Lots 1-2; E/2 NW/4; NE/4

(7) XTO, as successor operator of the Unit, will remain the designated operator under the revised Unit Agreement and the effective date of the expanded James Ranch Unit will remain the same as designated in Order No. R-279.

(8) Applicant appeared at the hearing and supplemented the information with the following testimony:

- (a) The proposed Unit will expand to include entire Section 25, entire Section 26, S/2 Section 27, entire Section 31, entire Section 32, entire Section 33, and entire Section 4, all in Township 21 South, Range 30 East. The proposed Unit will expand into entire Section 1, entire Section 11, entire Section 12, entire Section 13 and entire Section 14, all in Township 22 South, Range 29 East. Lastly, it will expand into entire Section 3, entire Section 4, entire Section 5, entire Section 6, entire Section 7, entire Section 8, entire Section 9, entire

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Section 10, W/2 NW/4 of Section 17, and entire Section 18, all in Township 22 South, Range 30 East;

- (b) the expanded Unit will be bound to the North and West by the Big Eddy Unit;
- (c) Applicant has received preliminary approval of the Unit Agreement for the expanded James Ranch Unit from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and New Mexico State Land Office (NMSLO). The BLM preliminary letter required the Applicant to drill four obligation wells;
- (d) the Unit was contracted on November 30, 1979 because a portion of the original Unit was to be overlain by the Waste Isolation Pilot Project. This acreage is not part of the expanded Unit;
- (e) the Unit is within known potash reserves; as a result, the Applicant has worked with, and will continue to work with the BLM to obtain established drill islands;
- (f) the resulting Unit area includes 30 federal tracts comprising approximately 80 percent of the Unit. The New Mexico State Land Office included 13 tracts which comprise 19 percent of the Expanded Unit. Private lands include four tracts which comprises less than one percent of the total acreage;
- (g) Applicant stated that 85 percent of the working interest owners has approved the expanded Unit;
- (h) notice of this application was provided in the expanded Unit Area to all working interest owners, royalty interest owners, and overriding royalty interest owners. Notice was also provided to the affected parties in those lands surrounding the expanded Unit Area;
- (i) Applicant has not drilled the initial test well within the expanded Unit;
- (j) there are no faults, pinch-outs, or other geologic impediments that isolate lands within the Unit Area. Further, within the Unit are multiple targets in the Delaware Mountain group, Bone Spring formation, Wolfcamp formation, and Pennsylvanian shales.
- (k) The pool designation for the expanded Unit currently include only Wildcat Pools;
- (l) the initial obligation well will target the 2nd Bone Spring sands;

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- (m) the expanded Unit includes all depths;
- (n) Applicant will apply to the BLM for a separate participating area for each pool that is developed;
- (o) Applicant provided notice to parties subject to the Unit by certified mail, return receipt requested, and by publication before hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in Eddy County, New Mexico, the county in which the property is located for those parties for whom return receipts were not returned; and
- (p) those potentially affected parties whose whereabouts could not be ascertained were noticed by publication as provided in Rule 19.15.4.12.B NMAC.

(9) MRC Permian Company and MRC Permian LKE Company, LLC (collectively, "MRC") made an appearance through counsel, and presented the following testimony:

- (a) The James Ranch Unit is an exploratory unit, and MRC cannot be forced to ratify the unit. However, the inclusion of MRC's acreage within the expanded unit, even if it is not committed, gives the Applicant the upper hand in obtaining operation of wells containing MRC acreage;
- (b) MRC owns approximately 1280 acres within the proposed expanded Unit;
- (c) MRC would like its acreage to be excluded from the expanded Unit, or make an acreage trade with the Applicant;
- (d) MRC prefers to drill and operate leases in which it owns a majority or the entire working interest;
- (e) MRC prefers to be subject to a modern operating agreement on its acreage.

(10) No other party appeared at the hearing, or otherwise opposed the granting of this application.

(11) Except for changes to Exhibits A and B to the Unit Agreement, all other provisions of the Unit Agreement remain the same as prior to the expansion, including the effective date.

(12) Hearing Order No. R-279-A issued on December 19, 1997 approved expansion of the Atoka formation Participating Area within the Unit.

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(13) Subsequent to the hearing, XTO provided an updated Exhibit B which included all of the acreage in the expanded Unit.

(14) All ordering paragraphs in Division Order No. R-279 should be vacated and replaced as detailed below.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) The application of XTO Energy, Inc. to amend Division Order No. R-279 to expand the geographic area of the James Ranch Unit is hereby approved.

(2) All ordering paragraphs of Order No. R-279 are hereby vacated from and, after the effective date of this order, replaced with the following.

(3) The James Ranch Unit shall comprise 28,319.08 acres, more or less, of Federal, State, and Private lands in Eddy County, New Mexico, and be described as follows:

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- Section 34: All

TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, NMPM, EDDY COUNTY

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Section 14:	All
Section 15:	All
Section 16:	All
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Section 23:	All
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TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, NMPM, EDDY COUNTY

Section 1:	Lots 1-4; S/2 NE/4; SE/4 (All)
Section 2:	Lots 1-4

TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, NMPM, EDDY COUNTY

Section 5:	Lot 4; SW/4 NW/4; W/2 SW/4
Section 6:	Lots 1-7; SE/4 NW/4; E/2 SW/4; S/2 NE/4; SE/4 (All)
Section 7:	Lots 1-4; E/2 W/2; E/2 (All)
Section 8:	W/2
Section 17:	NW/4
Section 18:	Lots 1-2; E/2 NW/4; NE/4

(4) This order shall be effective on the first day of the month following the later of (i) the entry date of this order or (ii) the date on which final approval of the expanded

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James Ranch Unit is obtained by Applicant from the BLM and NMSLO. Copies of the final approval letters by the BLM and NMSLO shall be provided to the Division.

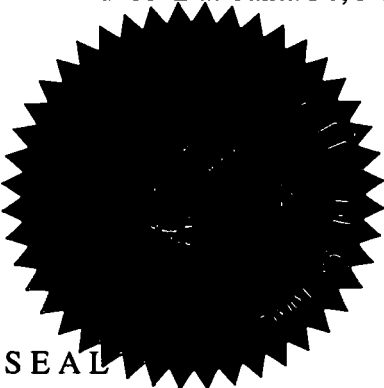
(5) XTO Energy, Inc. (OGRID 5380) is hereby designated the Unit operator.

(6) The plan contained within the James Ranch Unit Agreement for the development and operation of the Unit is hereby approved in principle as a proper conservation measure. All plans of development for the James Ranch Unit shall be submitted annually to the Division for review.

(7) The Unit operator shall file with the Division an executed original or executed counterpart of the Unit Agreement within 60 days of the date of this order. In the event of subsequent joinder by any other party, or expansion or contraction of the Unit Area, the Unit operator shall file with the Division, within 60 days thereafter, counterparts of the Unit Agreement reflecting the subscription of those interests having joined or ratified.

(8) Jurisdiction of this case is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.



STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

Heather Riley
HEATHER RILEY
Director



United States Department of the Interior



BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
New Mexico State Office
301 Dinosaur Trail
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87508
<https://www.blm.gov/new-mexico>

In Reply Refer To:
3180 (NM92500)
NMNM070765X
NMNM105416673

Reference:
Proposed Second Expansion
James Ranch Unit NMNM070765X
Eddy County, New Mexico

XTO Energy.
Attn: Joshua Prasatik
Land Dept. Loc.115
22777 Springwoods Village Pkwy
Spring, TX 77389

Gentlemen:

Your application of August 31, 2023, requests preliminary approval of the proposed expansion of the James Ranch Unit Area, Eddy County, New Mexico. This expansion will add 2,400 acres to the 28,318.09 acres, resulting in an enlarged unit area of 30,718.09 acres, more or less, as logically subject to exploration and development under the unitization provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act as amended.

The expansion is regarded as acceptable on the basis of the geologic/reservoir information accompanying your application. We hereby concur in the proposed expansion, provided it is accomplished pursuant to Section 2 of the unit agreement. The effective date of the proposed expansion will be a mutual agreement between the New Mexico Commissioner of Public Land and the Bureau of Land Management, and it shall become effective as of this date and in accordance with your application, pursuant to Section 2(a). This preliminary approval designation is valid for a period of one year from the date of this letter.

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
Santa Fe, New Mexico
Exhibit No. B-2
Submitted by: XTO Permian Operating LLC.
Hearing Date: November 2, 2023
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INTERIOR REGION 5 · MISSOURI BASIN
Kansas, Most of Montana, North Dakota,
Nebraska, South Dakota

INTERIOR REGION 6 · ARKANSAS-
RIO GRANDE-TEXAS GULF
Oklahoma, Texas

INTERIOR REGION 7 · UPPER
COLORADO BASIN
Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming

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- At a minimum obtain all ratifications from the required lessees of record and working interest owners such that all tracts in the expansion acreage are effectively committed.
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- Application for final approval identifying the tracts that have been committed and ratified.
- The unit expansion will require one (1) horizontal obligation well which will be placed on an approved drill island. The initial Obligation Well will be drilled east to west from an approved drill island located in the E/2 E/2 section 1, T23S, R30E (“DI 4”), with a lateral extending west at least to 100’ FWL in section 2 T23S, R30E targeting the Bone Spring or Wolfcamp formations deeper than a TVD of 9000’ with a ~MD of 20,000’. The initial Obligation Well shall be used to validate the Unit expansion.
- The obligation well will be drilled as per section 9 of unit agreement which requires that the well must commence drilling operations within 6 months after final approval. Said obligation shall be considered the Public Interest Requirement pursuant to 43 CFR 3183.4 (b). Should you fail to meet the Public Interest Requirement, this expansion will be invalidated ab initio.
- The operator will have the option to request extensions to the public interest drilling requirements as necessary. The AO and the New Mexico State Land Office is authorized to jointly grant a reasonable extension of up to 1 year to the 6 months period indicated in section 9 of the unit agreement herein prescribed for submission of the public interest drilling requirements, where such action is justified because of unusual drilling conditions or circumstances within the Potash Development Area. This can include requesting 1-year from final approval to begin the initial obligation well. However, the AO and the NM State Land Office are not obligated to grant such extensions. All extensions will be determined on a case-by-case basis.
- The unit operator should be aware that due to the requirements of Secretarial Order 3324 the AO and the NM State Land Commission does not expect the timing of obligation wells to fall in line with section 9 of the Unit Agreement. However, it will be up to the unit operator to request additional time as stated in the previous paragraph.
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Our approval will be conditioned upon subsequent favorable approval by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division and the New Mexico State Land Office.

A minimum of 3 copies of the application for final approval, (two originals and one copy) accompanied by the appropriate joinders and supplements to Exhibits “A” and “B” should be filed with the Authorized Officer.

Please contact Edward G. Fernandez, Petroleum Engineer at efernand@blm.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Kyle Paradis
Branch Chief - Reservoir Management
Division of Minerals

Enclosures

- 1 – Application Letter-BLM & SLO JRU Second Expansion-revised 8.3.23
- 2 - Form 1842-1

cc: w/enclosure

NMP0220, CFO Chris Walls

NMP0220, CFO Jim Rutley

NM92500, Unit File

New Mexico State Land Office (Scott Dawson)

sdawson@slo.state.nm.us



BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
Santa Fe, New Mexico
Exhibit No. B-3
Submitted by: XTO Permian Operating LLC.
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Stephanie Garcia Richard
COMMISSIONER

State of New Mexico
Commissioner of Public Lands

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September 15, 2023

XTO Energy
ATTN: Mr. Joshua Prasatik
Land Dept. Loc. 115
22777 Springwoods Village Pkwy
Spring, TX 77389-1425

Re: James Ranch Unit - Application for Proposed Second Expansion
Eddy County, New Mexico

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Please include 1 copy of the application for final approval, (original) accompanied by the appropriate joinders and supplements to Exhibits "A" and "B" should be filed with both the BLM Authorized Officer the New Mexico State Land Commissioner.

If you have any questions or if we may be of further assistance, please contact Units Manager Scott Dawson at 505.827.5791 or sdawson@slo.state.nm.us.

Respectfully,



Stephanie Garcia Richard
Commissioner of Public Lands

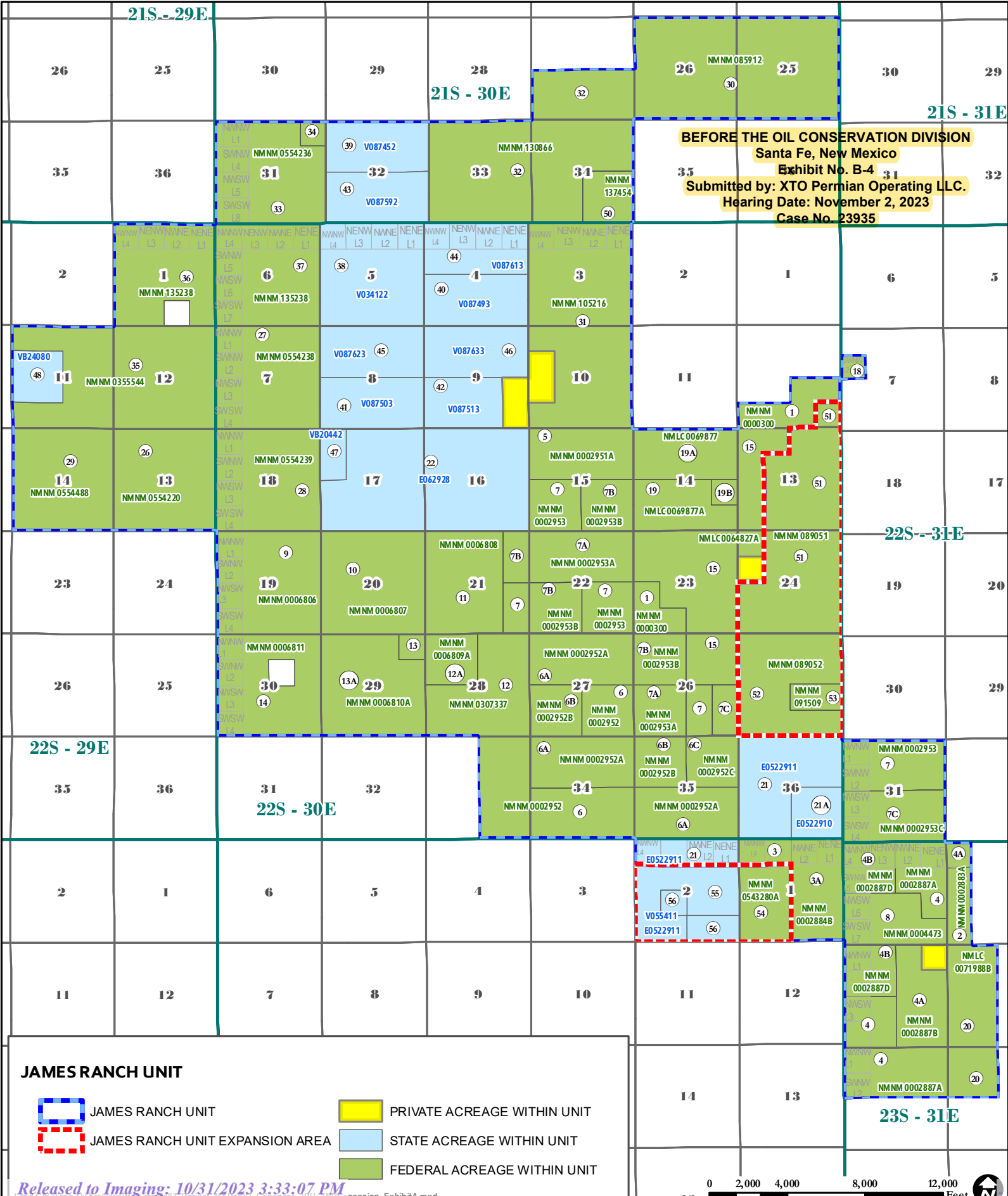
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- cc: NMOCD – Attn: Mr. Leonard Lowe
 RMD – Attn: Mrs. Billie Luther
 BLM – Attn: Mr. Kyle Paradis, Mr. J. David Chase, Mr. Chris Walls
 OGMD – Well Designation Coordinator
 OGMD and Units Reader Files



EXHIBIT "A" JAMES RANCH UNIT EXPANSION EDDY COUNTY, NM EFFECTIVE XXXX

Date: 9/25/2023



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

**APPLICATION OF XTO PERMIAN OPERATING LLC.
FOR APPROVAL OF EXPANSION OF THE JAMES
RANCH UNIT, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

CASE NO. 23935

SELF-AFFIRMED STATEMENT OF AARON BAZZELL

1. My name is Aaron Bazzell and I am employed by XTO Energy Inc. (“XTO”) as a Geologist.

2. I have previously testified before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (“Division”) as an expert witness in geology matters. My credentials as a geologist have been accepted by the Division and made a matter of record.

3. I am familiar with the application filed by XTO in this case, and I have conducted a geologic study of the lands in the subject area.

4. **XTO Exhibit C-1** is a development plan our land department created. It depicts the James Ranch Unit (“JRU”) area. Outlined in red are the proposed areas of expansion, with overlying well sticks demonstrating planned development.

5. **XTO Exhibit C-2** is a subsea structure map that I prepared on top of the Bone Spring formation, with contour intervals of 100 feet. XTO’s expansion area is outlined in red. This exhibit demonstrates that the targeted intervals dip gently to the southeast. The Bone Spring structure appears consistent across the wellbore paths. I do not observe any faulting, pinchouts, or other geologic impediments in the unit expansion area.

6. **XTO Exhibit C-3** is a subsea structure map that I prepared on top of the Wolfcamp formation, with contour intervals of 100 feet. XTO’s expansion area is outlined in red.

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This exhibit demonstrates that the targeted intervals dip gently to the southeast. The Wolfcamp structure appears consistent across the wellbore paths. I do not observe any faulting, pinchouts, or other geologic impediments in the unit expansion area.

7. **XTO Exhibit C-4** is a structural cross-section that depicts a line of cross-section from A-A', in a west to east direction. I chose the logs from these wells to create the cross-section because they penetrate the targeted intervals (Bone Spring and Wolfcamp) and are of good quality. I have identified on the cross-section the target intervals for XTO's proposed wells for the unit expansion area in this acreage, denoted by red arrows. The cross-section demonstrates that the targeted intervals are continuous across this acreage covering the unit expansion area. In my opinion, these well logs are representative of the geology in the subject area.

8. **XTO Exhibit C-5** is a structural cross-section and depicts a line of cross-section from B-B', in a north to south direction. I chose the logs from these wells to create the cross-section because they penetrate the targeted intervals (Bone Spring and Wolfcamp) and are of good quality. I have identified on the cross-section the target intervals for XTO's proposed wells for the unit expansion area in this acreage, denoted by red arrows. The cross-section demonstrates that the targeted intervals are continuous across this acreage covering the unit expansion area. In my opinion, these well logs are representative of the geology in the subject area.

9. My geologic study indicates the targeted intervals underlying the unit expansion area is suitable for development by horizontal wells and the acreage comprising the unit expansion area will be productive and contribute proportionately to the production from the wells.

10. By expanding the unit area, XTO will be able to utilize their preferred well spacing and development plans and increase total hydrocarbon recoveries.

11. In my opinion, approval of this application is in the best interest of conservation, the prevention of waste, and protection of correlative rights.

12. **XTO Exhibits C-1 through C-5** were either prepared by me or compiled under my direction and supervision.

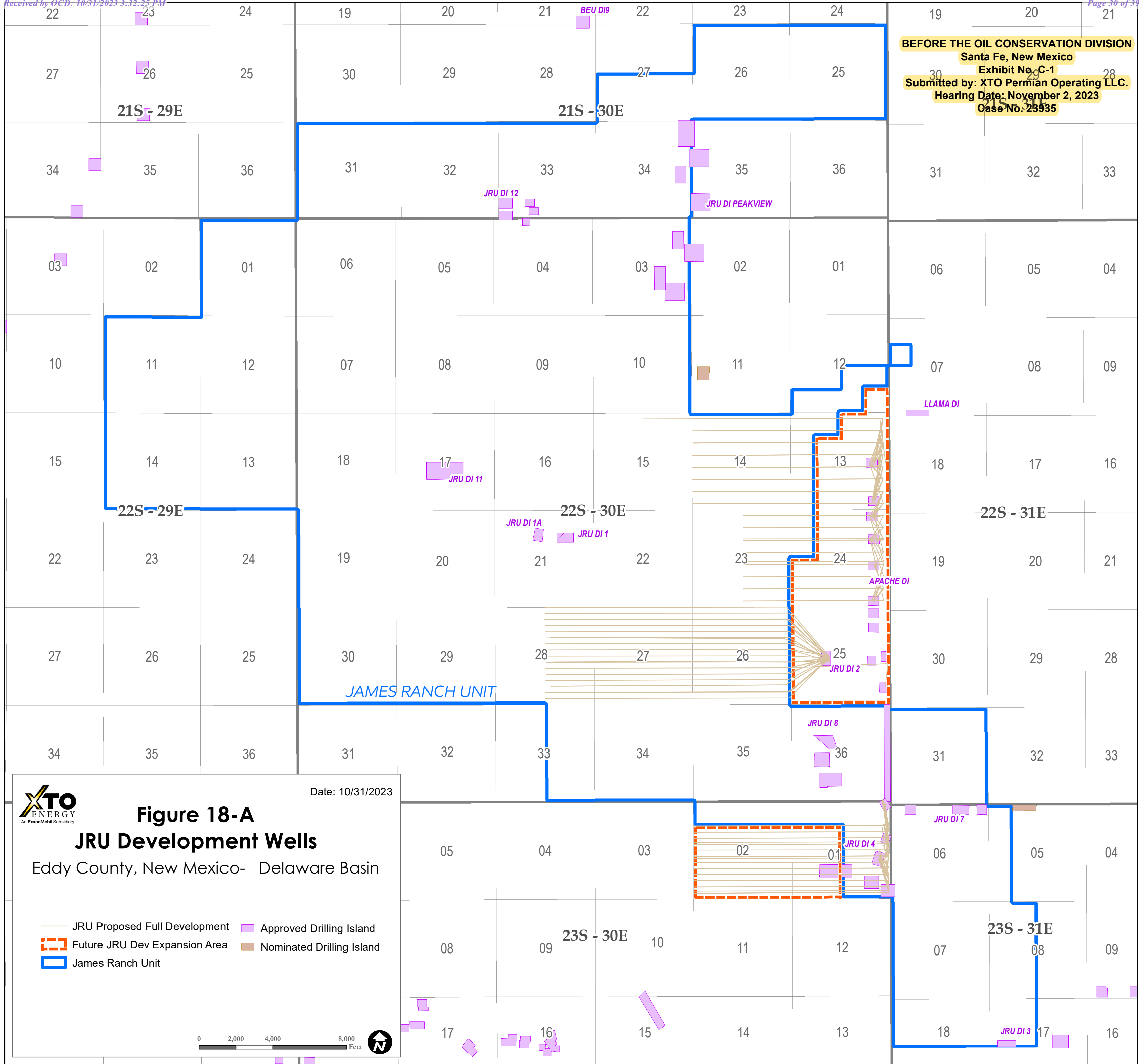
13. I affirm under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of New Mexico that the foregoing statements are true and correct. I understand that this self-affirmed statement will be used as written testimony in this case. This statement is made on the date next to my signature below.



Aaron Bazzell

10/31/23

Date



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XTO ENERGY
 An ExxonMobil Subsidiary

Date: 10/31/2023

Figure 18-A

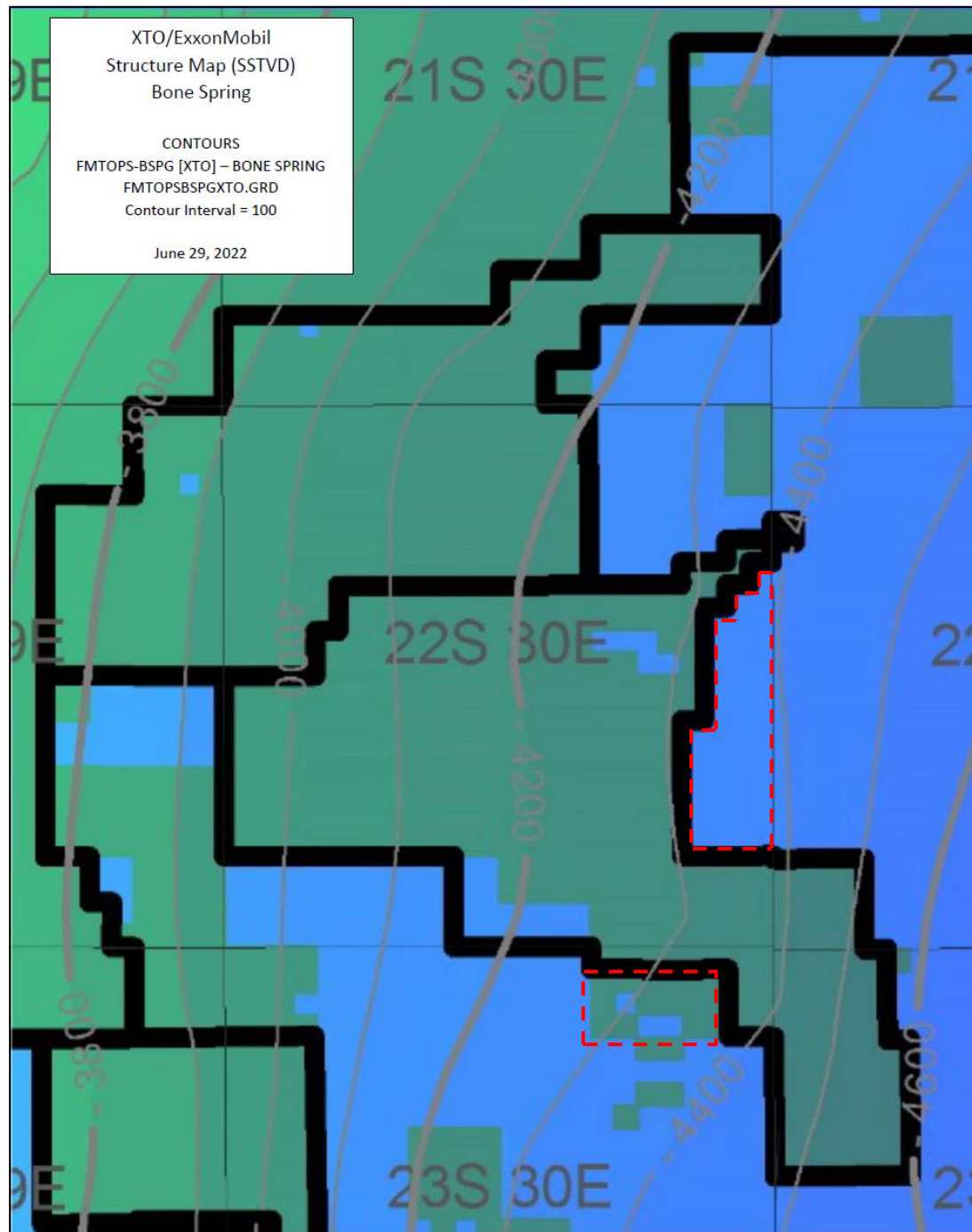
JRU Development Wells

Eddy County, New Mexico- Delaware Basin

- JRU Proposed Full Development
- Future JRU Dev Expansion Area
- James Ranch Unit
- Approved Drilling Island
- Nominated Drilling Island

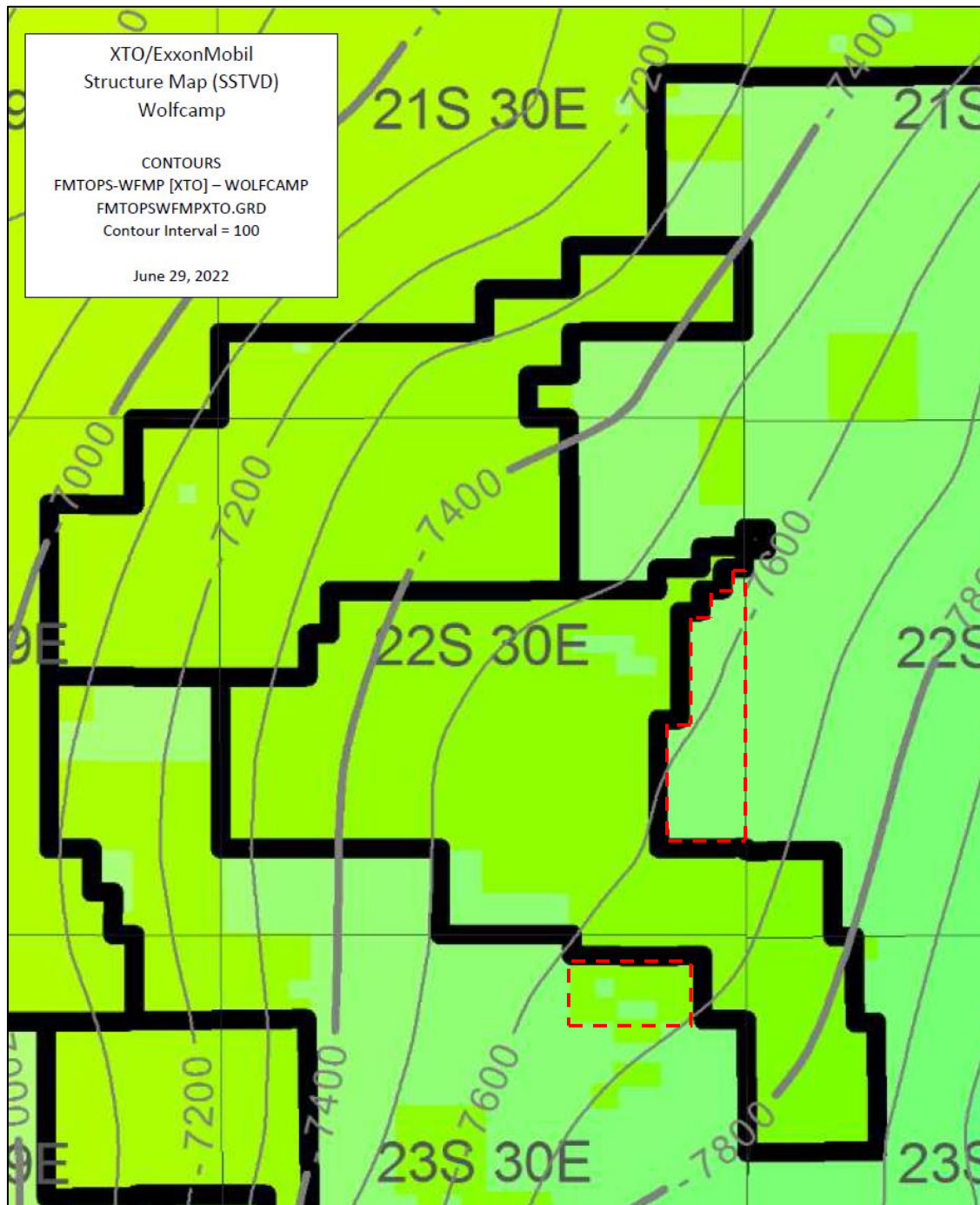
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EXHIBIT C-2



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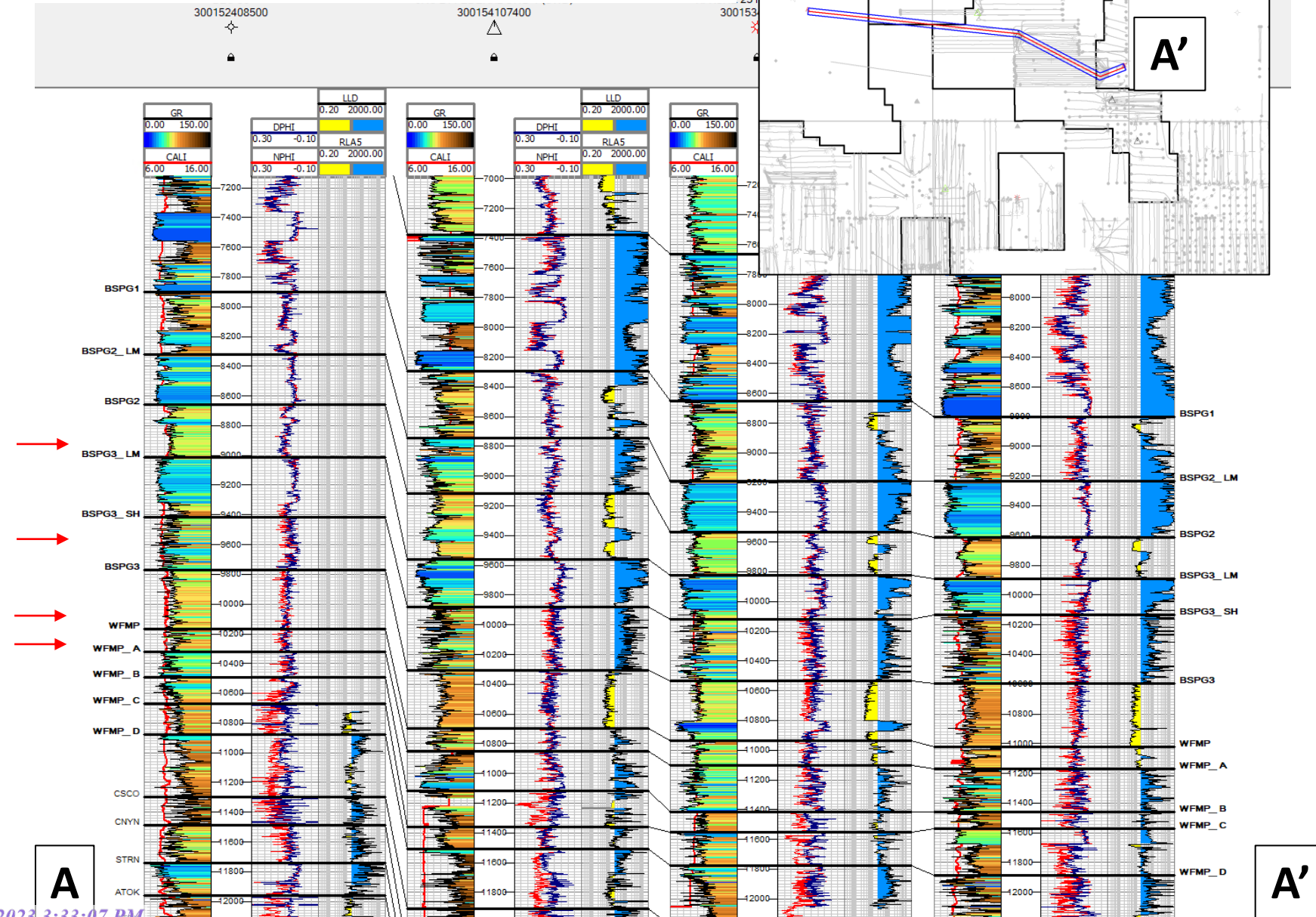


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EXHIBIT C-4

JRU West-East Cross Section

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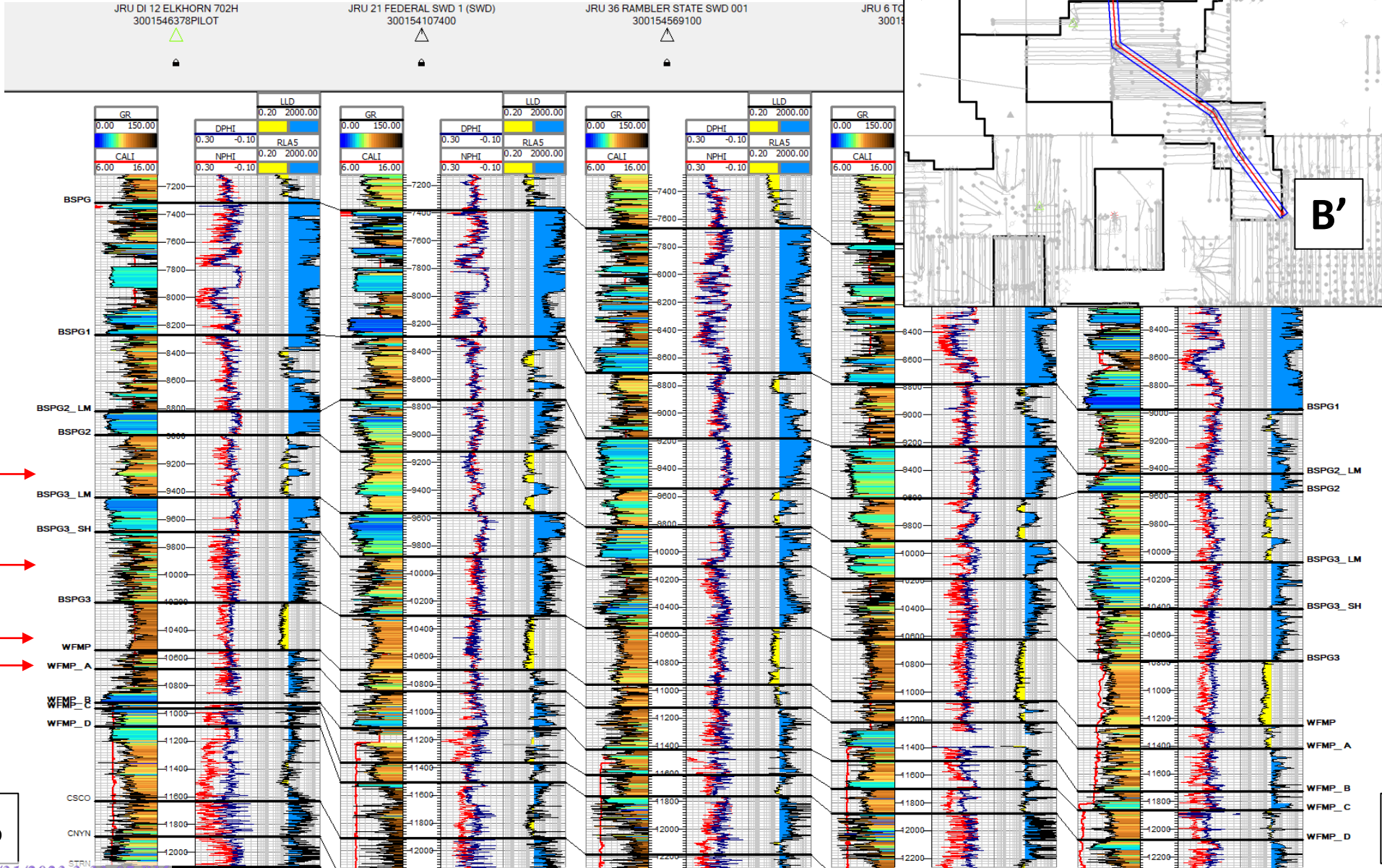
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EXHIBIT C-5

JRU North-South Cross Section



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Targeted Intervals

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

**APPLICATION OF XTO PERMIAN OPERATING LLC.
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**SELF-AFFIRMED STATEMENT OF
PAULA M. VANCE**

1. I am attorney in fact and authorized representative of XTO Permian Operating LLC. (“XTO”), the Applicant herein. I have personal knowledge of the matter addressed herein and am competent to provide this self-affirmed statement.

2. The above-referenced application and notice of the hearing on this application was sent by certified mail to the locatable affected parties on the date set forth in the letter attached hereto.

3. The spreadsheet attached hereto contains the names of the parties to whom notice was provided.

4. The spreadsheet attached hereto contains the information provided by the United States Postal Service on the status of the delivery of this notice as of October 30, 2023.

5. I caused a notice to be published to all parties subject to this unit expansion proceeding. An affidavit of publication from the publication’s legal clerk with a copy of the notice publication is attached herein.

6. I affirm under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of New Mexico that the foregoing statements are true and correct. I understand that this self-affirmed statement will be used as written testimony in this case. This statement is made on the date next to my signature below.

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Santa Fe, New Mexico
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Paula M. Vance

10/31/23

Date



Paula M. Vance
Associate Attorney
Phone (505) 988-4421
Email pmvance@hollandhart.com

October 13, 2023

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL
CERTIFIED RECEIPT REQUESTED

TO: ALL POOLED PARTIES

Re: Application of XTO Permian Operating LLC. for Approval of Expansion of the James Ranch Unit, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Ladies & Gentlemen:

This letter is to advise you that XTO Permian Operating LLC. has filed the enclosed application with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division. A hearing has been requested before a Division Examiner on November 2, 2023, and the status of the hearing can be monitored through the Division’s website at <http://www.emnrd.nm.gov/ocd/>.

Due to the remodeling of the state building where the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division is located, hearings will be conducted remotely beginning at 8:15 a.m. To participate in the electronic hearing, see the instructions posted on the OCD Hearings website: <https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/ocd/hearing-info/>.

You are not required to attend this hearing, but as an owner of an interest that may be affected by this application, you may appear and present testimony. Failure to appear at that time and become a party of record will preclude you from challenging the matter at a later date. Parties appearing in cases are required to file a Pre-hearing Statement four business days in advance of a scheduled hearing that complies with the provisions of NMAC 19.15.4.13.B.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact Joshua Prasatik at (346) 502-0173 or at joshua.p.prasatik@exxonmobil.com.

Sincerely,

Paula M. Vance
ATTORNEY FOR XTO PERMIAN OPERATING LLC.

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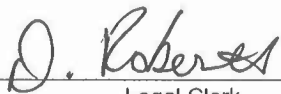
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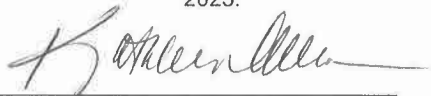
I, a legal clerk of the **Carlsbad Current Argus**, a newspaper published daily at the City of Carlsbad, in said county of Eddy, state of New Mexico and of general paid circulation in said county; that the same is a duly qualified newspaper under the laws of the State wherein legal notices and advertisements may be published; that the printed notice attached hereto was published in the regular and entire edition of said newspaper and not in supplement thereof in editions dated as follows:

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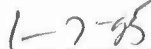


Legal Clerk

Subscribed and sworn before me this October 17, 2023:



State of WI, County of Brown
NOTARY PUBLIC



My commission expires

KATHLEEN ALLEN
Notary Public
State of Wisconsin

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BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
Santa Fe, New Mexico
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Submitted by: XTO Permian Operating LLC.
Hearing Date: November 2, 2023

Case No. 23935

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

The State of New Mexico, Energy Minerals and Natural Resources Department, Oil Conservation Division ("Division") hereby gives notice that the Division will hold public hearings before a hearing examiner on the following cases. The hearings will be conducted remotely on Thursday, November 2, 2023, beginning at 8:15 a.m. To participate in the hearings, see the instructions posted below. The docket may be viewed at <https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/ocd/hearing-info/> or obtained from Marlene Salvidrez, at Marlene.Salvidrez@emnrd.nm.gov. Documents filed in these cases may be viewed at <https://ocdimage.emnrd.nm.gov/Imaging/Default.aspx>. If you are an individual with a disability who needs a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in a hearing, contact Marlene Salvidrez at Marlene.Salvidrez@emnrd.nm.gov, or the New Mexico Relay Network at 1-800-659-1779, no later than October 22, 2023.

Persons may view and participate in the hearings through the following link: <https://nmemnrd.webex.com/nmemnrd/j.php?MTID=m2782857f226867528004f8664692193a>

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO:
All named parties and persons
having any right, title, interest
or claim in the following case
and notice to the public.

(NOTE: All land descriptions herein refer to the New Mexico Principal Meridian whether or not so stated.)

To: All affected interest owners, including: OXY USA Inc.; Devon Energy Production Company, L.P.; EOG Resources, Inc.; Bureau of Land Management; and New Mexico State Land Office.

Case No. 23935: Application of XTO Permian Operating LLC. for Approval of Expansion of the James Ranch Unit, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks an order expanding their James Ranch Unit to include 2,400 acres of additional Federal and State lands in Eddy County, comprised of the following acreage:

Township 22 South - Range 30 East N.M.P.M.

- Sec. 12: SE/4 SE/4 (40 acres)
- Sec. 13: E/2, SE/4 NW/4, E/2 SW/4 (440 acres)
- Sec. 24: E/2, E/2 W/2, W/2 SW/4 (560 acres)
- Sec. 25: N/2, SW/4, S/2 SE/4 (560 acres)

Township 23 South - Range 30 East N.M.P.M.

- Sec. 1: S/2 NW/4, SW/4 (240 acres)
- Sec. 2: S/2 N/2, W/2 SW/4, SE/4 SW/4, N/2 SE/4, NE/4 SW/4, S/2 SE/4 (480 acres)

The unitized interval for the expanded James Ranch Unit remains all depths. This area is located approximately 16 miles east of Carlsbad, New Mexico
#5844978, Current Argus, October 17, 2023