

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

**APPLICATION OF FRANKLIN MOUNTAIN
ENERGY 3, LLC FOR COMPULSORY POOLING
AND, TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY, APPROVAL OF AN
OVERLAPPING SPACING UNIT,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

CASE NO. _____

APPLICATION

Franklin Mountain Energy 3, LLC (“Franklin”), OGRID Number 331595, through its undersigned attorneys, hereby files this amended application with the Oil Conservation Division (“Division”) pursuant to the provisions of NMSA 1978, § 70-2-17, for an order pooling all uncommitted mineral interests within a 323.59-acre, more or less, Bone Spring horizontal spacing unit comprising the W/2E/2 of Section 36, Township 18 South, Range 34 East, and Lot 2, the SW/NE, and W/2SE of Section 1 (the equivalent of the W/2E/2 of Section 1), Township 19 South, Range 34 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico. Franklin also seeks, to the extent necessary, approval of an overlapping spacing unit. In support of this application, Franklin states as follows:

1. Franklin has an interest in the subject lands and has a right to drill and operate a well thereon.
2. Franklin seeks to dedicate the W/2E/2 of Section 36, Township 18 South, Range 34 East, and Lot 2, the SW/NE, and W/2SE of Section 1 (the equivalent of the W/2E/2 of Section 1), Township 19 South, Range 34 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico, to form a standard 323.59-acre, more or less, Bone Spring horizontal spacing unit.

3. Franklin plans to drill the **Cross State Com 303H and Cross State Com 503H wells** to a depth sufficient to test the Bone Spring formation. The wells will be horizontally drilled, and the producing area for the wells is expected to be orthodox.

4. Franklin filed Case No. 23836 in which Franklin requested that uncommitted mineral interests in the above described unit be pooled. In that case, Franklin also provided notice of an overlapping spacing unit.

5. Franklin is filing this amended application to provide additional information about the existing spacing units that traverse portions of Section 1 and Section 36.

6. Franklin also is filing this amended application to request, to the extent necessary, approval of the overlapping spacing unit.

7. Franklin's proposed spacing unit in this case will partially overlap the following existing Bone Spring spacing units:

- a. A 174-acre horizontal well spacing unit comprised of the N2N2 of Section 1 dedicated to COG's Wild Cobra 1 State 1H (API 30-025-41110)
- b. A 160-acre horizontal well spacing unit comprised of the S2N2 of Section 1 COG's Wild Cobra 1 State 2H (API 30-025-40404)
- c. A 160-acre horizontal well spacing unit comprised of the N2S2 of Section 1 dedicated to Matador's Mongoose Fee 1H (API 30-025-40727)
- d. A 160-acre horizontal well spacing unit comprised of the S2S2 of Section 36 dedicated to Franklin Mountain's Butter Cup 36 State Com 1H (API 30-025-40640)
- e. A 160-acre horizontal well spacing unit comprised of the N2S2 of Section 36 dedicated to Franklin Mountain's Butter Cup 36 State Com 2H (API 30-025-40641)
- f. A 160-acre horizontal well spacing unit comprised of the S2N2 of Section 36 dedicated to Franklin Mountain's Butter Cup 36 State Com 3H (API 30-025-42367)

8. Franklin sought, but has been unable to obtain, a voluntary agreement from all interest owners in the Bone Spring formation underlying the proposed spacing unit to participate in the drilling of the wells or to otherwise commit their interests to the wells.

9. The pooling of all interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying the proposed unit and approving, to the extent necessary, the overlapping spacing unit will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

WHEREFORE, Franklin requests this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on January 4, 2024 and after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter its order:

A. Pooling all uncommitted interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying a horizontal spacing unit within the W/2E/2 of Section 36, Township 18 South, Range 34 East, and Lot 2, the SW/NE, and W/2SE of Section 1 (the equivalent of the W/2E/2 of Section 1), Township 19 South, Range 34 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico;

B. Approving, to the extent necessary, the proposed overlapping spacing unit;

C. Designating Franklin as operator of this unit and the wells to be drilled thereon;

D. Authorizing Franklin to recover its costs of drilling, equipping and completing the wells;

E. Approving actual operating charges and costs charged for supervision, together with a provision adjusting the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedure; and

F. Setting a 200% charge for the risk involved in drilling and completing the wells in the event a working interest owner elects not to participate in the wells.

Respectfully submitted,

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CASE NO. _____: Application of Franklin Mountain Energy 3, LLC for compulsory pooling and, to the extent necessary, approval of an overlapping spacing unit, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order from the Division pooling all uncommitted mineral interests within a 323.59-acre, more or less, Bone Spring horizontal spacing unit comprising the W/2E/2 of Section 36, Township 18 South, Range 34 East, and Lot 2, the SW/NE, and W/2SE of Section 1, Township 19 South, Range 34 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico. This spacing unit will be dedicated to the **Cross State Com 303H and Cross State Com 503H wells**, to be horizontally drilled. The producing area for the wells is expected to be orthodox. Franklin also seeks, to the extent necessary, approval of an overlapping spacing unit. The proposed spacing unit will partially overlap the following existing Bone Spring spacing units:

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- A 160-acre horizontal well spacing unit comprised of the N2S2 of Section 36 dedicated to Franklin Mountain's Butter Cup 36 State Com 2H (API 30-025-40641)
- A 160-acre horizontal well spacing unit comprised of the S2N2 of Section 36 dedicated to Franklin Mountain's Butter Cup 36 State Com 3H (API 30-025-42367)

Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said wells, the allocation of these costs as well as the actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of Franklin Mountain Energy 3, LLC as operator of the wells, and a 200% charge for risk involved in drilling said wells. Said area is located approximately 24 miles west of Hobbs, New Mexico.