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

APPLICATION OF DEVON ENERGY PRODUCTION COMPANY, L.P. FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

## **APPLICATION**

Devon Energy Production Company, L.P. ("Devon" or "Applicant") (OGRID No. 6137), through its undersigned attorneys, hereby files this application with the Oil Conservation Division pursuant to the provisions of NMSA 1978, § 70-2-17, for an order pooling all uncommitted interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying a 235.93-acre standard horizontal spacing unit comprised of the E/2 W/2 of Section 27 and the NE/4 NW/4 and Lot 3 of irregular Section 34 (E/2 NW/4 equivalent), Township 26 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. In support of this application, Devon states:

- 1. Applicant is a working interest owner in the proposed horizontal spacing unit and has the right to drill thereon.
- 2. Applicant seeks to initially dedicate the above-referenced horizontal spacing unit to the proposed **Boll Weevil 27-34 Fed Com 4H**, to be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the NE/4 NW/4 (Unit C) of Section 27, with a first take point in the same and a last take point in Lot 3 (SE/4 NW/4 equivalent) of irregular Section 34.
  - 3. Lot 3 of irregular Section 34 borders the Texas state line.
- 4. Applicant has sought and been unable to obtain voluntary agreement for the development of these lands from all interest owners in the subject spacing unit.

5. The pooling of interests will allow Applicant to obtain a just and fair share of the oil and gas underlying the subject lands, avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, will prevent waste, and will protect correlative rights.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on February 1, 2024, and, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order:

- A. Pooling all uncommitted interests in the proposed horizontal spacing unit;
- B. Approving the initial well in the horizontal well spacing unit;
- C. Designating Applicant as the operator of the horizontal spacing unit and the well to be drilled thereon;
- D. Authorizing Applicant to recover its costs of drilling, equipping and completing the well;
- E. Approving the actual operating charges and costs of supervision while drilling and after completion, together with a provision adjusting the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedures; and
- F. Imposing a 200% charge for the risk assumed by Applicant in drilling and completing the well against any working interest owner who does not voluntarily participate in the drilling of the well.

Respectfully submitted,

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CASE :

**Application of Devon Energy Production Company, L.P. for Compulsory Pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks an order pooling all uncommitted interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying a 235.93-acre standard horizontal spacing unit comprised of the E/2 W/2 of Section 27 and the NE/4 NW/4 and Lot 3 of irregular Section 34 (E/2 NW/4 equivalent), Township 26 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. Said unit will be initially dedicated to the proposed **Boll Weevil 27-34 Fed Com 4H**, to be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the NE/4 NW/4 (Unit C) of Section 27, with a first take point in the same and a last take point in Lot 3 (SE/4 NW/4 equivalent) of irregular Section 34. Also, to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing the well and the allocation of the cost thereof, actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of Applicant as operator of the well, and a 200% charge for risk involved in drilling the well. Said area is located approximately 17 miles southwest of Jal, New Mexico.