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

APPLICATION OF NOVO OIL & GAS NORTHERN DELAWARE, LLC FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO.	

## **APPLICATION**

Pursuant to NMSA § 70-2-17, Novo Oil & Gas Northern Delaware, LLC ("Novo" or "Applicant") (OGRID No. 372920) applies for an order pooling all uncommitted interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying a 160.21-acre, more or less, standard horizontal spacing unit comprised of the E/2 W/2 of Section 4, Township 23 South, Range 28 East, Eddy County, New Mexico ("Unit"). In support of its application, Applicant states the following.

- 1. Applicant is a working interest owner in the Unit and has the right to drill wells thereon.
- 2. The Unit will be dedicated to the **Goonch Federal Com 112H** and **Goonch Federal Com 122H** wells ("Wells"), which will be drilled from surface hole locations in the SW/4 SW/4 (Unit M) of Section 4 to bottom hole locations in the NE/4 NW/4 (Unit C) of Section 4.
  - 3. The completed intervals of the Wells will be orthodox.
- 4. Applicant has undertaken diligent, good faith efforts to obtain voluntary agreements from all interest owners to participate in the drilling of the Wells but has been unable to obtain voluntary agreements from all interest owners.
- 5. The pooling of uncommitted interests will avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste, and protect correlative rights.

6. In order to allow Applicant to obtain its just and fair share of the oil and gas underlying the subject lands, all uncommitted interests in the Unit should be pooled and Applicant should be designated the operator of the Wells and the Unit.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on May 2, 2024, and, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order:

- A. Pooling all uncommitted interests in the Unit;
- B. Approving the Wells in the Unit;
- C. Designating Novo as the operator of the Unit and the Wells to be drilled thereon;
- D. Authorizing Applicant to recover its costs of drilling, equipping, and completing the Wells;
- 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 Novo in drilling and completing the Wells against any working interest owner who does not voluntarily participate in the drilling of the Wells.

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