

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

**APPLICATION OF BTA OIL
PRODUCERS, LLC TO EXTEND
TIME TO COMMENCE DRILLING
OPERATIONS, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

**Case No. _____
Order No. R-22736**

APPLICATION

BTA Oil Producers, LLC (“BTA” or “Applicant”) (OGRID No. 260297) files this application with the Oil Conservation Division (“Division”) requesting a one-year extension of time to commence drilling the well authorized by Order No. R-22736. In support of its application, BTA states the following.

1. The Division issued Order No. R-22736 (“Order”) in Case No. 23483 on June 7, 2023, approving a 319.42-acre, more or less, standard horizontal spacing unit comprised of the W/2 E/2 of Section 33, Township 16 South, Range 36 East, and Lot 2, SW/4 NE/4, W/2 SE/4 (W/2 E/2 equivalent) of irregular Section 4, Township 17 South, Range 36 East, Lea County, New Mexico (“Unit”), and designating BTA as operator of the Unit.

2. The Order further pooled all uncommitted interests within the Pennsylvanian Shale formation in the WC025 G09 S173615C; Upper Penn Pool (Code 98333) underlying the Unit and dedicated the Unit to the Capitan 22301 28-33 State Com #11H well (“Well”).

3. The Order requires BTA to commence drilling the Well within one (1) year of the date of the Order unless BTA obtains a time extension from the Division Director for good cause shown.

4. BTA's ability to drill the Well has been delayed by limited gas takeaway capacity in the area. It is expected that additional gas takeaway capacity will be operational in the last quarter of 2024.

5. Good cause exists for the requested extension.

6. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the Division extend the deadline to commence drilling the Well to June 7, 2025.

WHEREFORE, BTA requests that this application be set for hearing on June 13, 2024, and after notice and hearing, the Division extend the deadline for BTA to commence drilling the Well until June 7, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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