

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

**APPLICATION OF AVANT OPERATING, LLC  
TO AMEND ORDER NO. R-22616 & R-22616-A  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

**CASE NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
ORDER NO. R-22616 &  
R-22616-A**

**APPLICATION**

Avant Operating, LLC (“Avant”), OGRID Number 330396, through its undersigned attorneys, hereby files this application with the Oil Conservation Division (“Division”) for the limited purpose of amending Order No. R-22616 and R-22616-A (the “Order”) to allow for an extension of time to commence drilling the initial well authorized by the Order until March 30, 2025. As grounds for this application, Avant states:

1. The Division issued Order R-22616 in Case No. 23246 on March 30, 2023.
2. Order R-22616 pooled all uncommitted interests in a standard 640-acre, more or less, Bone Spring horizontal spacing unit comprised of the S/2 of Sections 35 and 36, Township 18 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico (the “Unit”).
3. Order R-22616 dedicated the following wells to the Unit: the Alpha Wolf 36 Federal Com 301H; Alpha Wolf 36 Federal Com 302H; Alpha Wolf 36 Federal Com 303H; Alpha Wolf 36 Federal Com 501H; Alpha Wolf 36 Federal Com 502H; Alpha Wolf 36 Federal Com 503H; Alpha Wolf 36 Federal Com 601H; Alpha Wolf 36 Federal Com 602H; and Alpha Wolf 36 Federal Com 603H wells.
4. After Order R-22616 was issued, Avant identified additional parties to be pooled under the Order. In June 2023, Avant submitted an application seeking to pool those additional parties. On August 4, 2023, the Division issued Order R-22616-A, pooling previously unidentified uncommitted interests.

5. Order R-22616-A states that “Order R-22616 shall remain in full force and effect.” Order R-22616-A, ¶ 14.

6. Avant believed that it had a year from the time Order R-22616-A was issued to commence drilling the initial well under the Order; *i.e.*, Avant believed it had through August 4, 2024 to commence drilling the wells under Order R-22616-A.

7. As that deadline is approaching, Avant began to evaluate the Order and drilling timelines.

8. Upon further review, Avant now understands that the deadline to commence drilling the wells was set forth in Order R-22616, and that Order required Avant to commence drilling by March 30, 2024.

9. Avant intends to drill the Alpha Wolf wells and has all required permits to do so, including approved APDs from the Bureau of Land Management.

10. No other operators have proposed to develop this acreage.

11. This is Avant’s first request for an extension of time.

12. Avant requests an extension of time for one year from March 30, 2024 to March 30, 2025, to allow it to commence drilling the wells under the Order.

13. In Avant’s opinion, good cause exists for Avant’s request for an extension of time, under the circumstances.

14. Accordingly, Avant requests that the Division extend the deadline to commence drilling the Wells to March 30, 2025.

WHEREFORE, Avant requests this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on June 13, 2024, and after notice and hearing, the Division as required by law, the Division amend Order No. R-22616 and R-22616-A as requested herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Application of Avant Operating, LLC to Amend Order No. R-22616 and R-22616-A Lea County, New Mexico.** Avant Operating, LLC (“Applicant”), seeks an order amending Order No. R-22616 and R-22616-A to extend the deadline to commence drilling the initial well under the Order. Order R-22616 and R-22616-A pooled uncommitted interest owners in standard 640-acre, more or less, Bone Spring horizontal spacing unit comprised of the S/2 of Sections 35 and 36, Township 18 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. Said area is located approximately 10.8 miles south of Maljamar, New Mexico.