

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

**APPLICATIONS OF FRANKLIN MOUNTAIN  
ENERGY 3, LLC FOR COMPULSORY POOLING  
AND NOTICE OF OVERLAPPING SPACING UNIT,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

**Case Nos. 24356, 24358-24360**

**APPLICATIONS OF MRC PERMIAN COMPANY  
FOR APPROVAL OF AN OVERLAPPING HORIZONTAL  
WELL SPACING UNIT AND COMPULSORY POOLING,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

**CASE NOS. 24314-24319<sup>1</sup>**

**CONSOLIDATED PRE-HEARING STATEMENT**

Franklin Mountain Energy 3, LLC (“Franklin”) submits this Consolidated Pre-Hearing Statement for the above-referenced cases pursuant to the rules of the Oil Conservation Division.

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## STATEMENT OF CASES

### APPLICANT:

In **Case No. 24356**, Franklin Mountain Energy 3, LLC seeks an order from the Division pooling all uncommitted mineral interests within a 360-acre, more or less, Wolfcamp horizontal spacing unit comprising the E/2E/2 of Sections 23 and 26, and the NE/NE of Section 35, Township 18 South, Range 34 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico. This spacing unit will be dedicated to the **Gold State Com 704H and Gold State Com 804H wells**. The Gold State Com 704H well will be horizontally drilled from a proposed surface hole location in the NW/4NE/4 (Unit B) of Section 35 to a proposed bottom hole location in the NE/4NE/4 (Unit A) of Section 23, and the Gold State Com 804H well will be horizontally drilled from a proposed surface hole location in the NE/4NE/4 (Unit A) of Section 35 to a proposed bottom hole location in the NE/4NE/4 (Unit A) of Section 23. 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 horizontal spacing unit proposed in this application will partially overlap a proposed 33.81-acre more or less Wolfcamp spacing unit comprised of the E/2E/2 of Section 35, Township 18 South, Range 34 East, and Lot 1, the SE/NE, and E/2SE of Section 2 (the equivalent of the E/2E/2 of Section 2), Township 19 South, Range 34 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico, dedicated to Franklin's proposed Parallel State Com 704 and 804H wells. 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.

In **Case No. 24358**, Franklin Mountain Energy 3, LLC seeks an order from the Division pooling all uncommitted mineral interests within a 360-acre, more or less, Wolfcamp horizontal

spacing unit comprising the W/2E/2 of Sections 23 and 26, and the NW/NE of Section 35, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico. This spacing unit will be dedicated to the **Gold State Com 703H and Gold State Com 803H wells**, to be horizontally drilled from proposed surface hole locations in the NW/4NE/4 (Unit B) of Section 35 to proposed bottom hole locations in the NW/4NE/4 (Unit B) of Section 23, and 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 spacing unit proposed in this application will partially overlap a proposed 323.91-acre, more or less, Wolfcamp horizontal spacing unit comprising the W/2E/2 of Section 35, Township 18 South, Range 34 East, and Lot 2, the SW/NE, and W/2SE of Section 2 (the equivalent of the W/2E/2 of Section 2), Township 19 South, Range 34 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico, dedicated to Franklin's proposed Parallel State Com 703H and Parallel State Com 803H wells. 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.

In **Case No. 24359**, Franklin Mountain Energy 3, LLC seeks an order from the Division pooling all uncommitted mineral interests within a 280-acre, more or less, Wolfcamp horizontal spacing unit comprising the E/2/SW of Section 23, the E/2W/2 of Section 26, and the NE/NW of Section 35, Township 18 South, Range 34 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico. This spacing unit will be dedicated to the **Gold State Com 702H and Gold State Com 802H wells**, to be horizontally drilled from proposed surface hole locations in the NE/4NW/4 (Unit C) of Section 35 to proposed bottom hole locations in the NE/4SW/4 (Unit K) of Section 23, and 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 spacing unit proposed in this application will partially overlap a proposed 324.02-acre, more or less, Wolfcamp horizontal spacing unit comprising the E/2W/2 of Section 35, Township 18 South, Range 34 East, and Lot 3, the SE/NW, and E/2SW of Section 2 (the equivalent of the E/2W/2 of Section 2), Township 19 South, Range 34 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico, dedicated to Franklin's proposed Parallel State Com 702H and Parallel State Com 802H wells. 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.

In **Case No. 24360**, Franklin Mountain Energy 3, LLC seeks an order from the Division pooling all uncommitted mineral interests within a 280-acre, more or less, Bone Spring horizontal spacing unit comprising the E/2/SW of Section 23, the E/2W/2 of Section 26, and the NE/NW of Section 35, Township 18 South, Range 34 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico. This spacing unit will be dedicated to the **Gold State Com 502H and Gold State Com 602H wells**, to be horizontally drilled from proposed surface hole locations in the NE/4NW/4 (Unit C) of Section

35 to proposed bottom hole locations in the NE/4SW/4 (Unit K) of Section 23, and 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 spacing unit proposed in this application will partially overlap a proposed 324.02-acre, more or less, Bone Spring horizontal spacing unit comprising the E/2W/2 of Section 35, Township 18 South, Range 34 East, and Lot 3, the SE/NW, and E/2SW of Section 2 (the equivalent of the E/2W/2 of Section 2), Township 19 South, Range 34 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico, dedicated to Franklin’s proposed Parallel State Com 302H and Parallel State Com 502H wells. 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.

**PROPOSED EVIDENCE**

**APPLICANT:**

| <b>WITNESS</b>        | <b>ESTIMATED TIME</b> | <b>EXHIBITS</b> |
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| Landman: Don Johnson  | Approx. 15 minutes    | Approx. 20      |
| Geologist: Ben Kessel | Approx. 15 minutes    | Approx. 15      |

**PROCEDURAL ISSUES**

MRC Permian Company (“MRC”) has now withdrawn its objection to FME3’s Gold State Com cases and FME3 intends to present these cases as uncontested affidavit cases. MRC has not yet dismissed its competing cases in Case Nos. 24314-24319 and so FME3 is filing its exhibits in the MRC cases for completeness.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served on counsel of record by electronic mail on June 19, 2024.

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QUESTIONS

Action 356056

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|  | Action Number:<br>356056                                 |
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**QUESTIONS**

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| <b>Testimony</b>   |                      |
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| Number of witnesses  | <i>Not answered.</i> |
| Testimony time (in minutes)  | <i>Not answered.</i> |