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

APPLICATION OF AMEREDEV OPERATING, LLC FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO.	
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## **APPLICATION**

Ameredev Operating, LLC ("Ameredev" or "Applicant") (OGRID No. 372224), 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 minerals owners in a standard 640.4-acre, more or less, horizontal well spacing unit in the Bone Spring formation underlying Lots 1-4 and the E/2 W/2 (W/2 equivalent) of irregular Sections 30 and 31, Township 25 South, Range 36 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. In support of its application, Ameredev states:

- 1. Ameredev is a working interest owner in the proposed horizontal spacing unit and has the right to drill thereon.
- 2. Ameredev seeks to initially dedicate the above-referenced spacing unit to the proposed **Nandina Fed Com 25 36 31 71H** well, to be horizontally drilled from a surface location in Lot 4 (SW/4 SW/4 equivalent) of irregular Section 31, a first take point from Lot 4 (SW/4 SW/4 equivalent) of irregular Section 31, to a bottom hole location in Lot 1 (NW/4 NW/4 equivalent) of irregular Section 30.
- 3. The completed interval of the **Nandina Fed Com 25 36 31 71H** well is expected to remain within 330 feet of the offsetting quarter-quarter sections or equivalent tracts to include them in a standard horizontal well spacing unit.

- 4. Ameredev has sought and been unable to obtain voluntary agreement for the development of these lands from all unleased mineral 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 August 8, 2024, and, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order:

- A. Pooling all uncommitted mineral owners in the horizontal spacing unit;
- B. Designating Ameredev Operating, LLC operator of this spacing unit and the horizontal well to be drilled thereon;
- C. Authorizing Ameredev to recover its costs of drilling, completing, and equipping the well;
- D. 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
- E. Imposing a 200% charge for the risk assumed by Ameredev 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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Application of Ameredev Operating, LLC for Compulsory Pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks an order pooling all uncommitted mineral owners in a standard 640.4-acre, more or less, horizontal well spacing unit in the Bone Spring formation underlying Lots 1-4 and the E/2 W/2 (W/2 equivalent) of irregular Sections 30 and 31, Township 25 South, Range 36 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. Ameredev seeks to initially dedicate the above-referenced spacing unit to the proposed Nandina Fed Com 25 36 31 71H well, to be horizontally drilled from a surface location in Lot 4 (SW/4 SW/4 equivalent) of irregular Section 31, a first take point from Lot 4 (SW/4 SW/4 equivalent) of irregular Section 31, to a bottom hole location in Lot 1 (NW/4 NW/4 equivalent) of irregular Section 30. The completed interval of the Nandina Fed Com 25 36 31 71H well is expected to remain within 330 feet of the offsetting quarter-quarter sections or equivalent tracts to include them in a standard horizontal well spacing unit. Also, to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing the well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of Ameredev Operating, LLC as operator of the well, and a 200% charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located approximately 7 miles southwest of Jal, New Mexico.