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

APPLICATION OF TAP ROCK OPERATING, LLC FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

## **APPLICATION**

In accordance with NMSA 1978, § 70-2-17, Tap Rock Operating, LLC ("Tap Rock" or "Applicant"), through its undersigned attorney, files this application with the Oil Conservation Division ("Division") seeking an order pooling a standard 1280 acre, more or less, horizontal spacing unit in the Wolfcamp formation comprised of all of Sections 9 and 10, Township 25 South, Range 25 East NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico. In support of this application, Tap Rock states the following.

- 1. Applicant (OGRID No. 372043) and/or its affiliates are a working interest owner in the Unit and has the right to drill thereon.
- 2. Applicant seeks to initially dedicate the Unit to the following proposed wells ("Wells"):
  - a. **Upslope Fed Com #202H**, which will be drilled from a surface hole location the SE/4 NE/4 of Section 10 (Unit H) to a bottom hole located 5 Feet from the West Line in Section 9 and 2,360 Feet from the North Line in Section 9 (Unit E).
  - b. **Upslope Fed Com #204H**, which will be drilled from a surface hole location the NE/4 SE/4 of Section 10 (Unit I) to a bottom hole located 5 Feet from the West Line in Section 9 and 330 Feet from the South Line in Section 9 (Unit M).
  - c. **Upslope Fed Com #211H**, which will be drilled from a surface hole location the SE/4 NE/4 of Section 10 (Unit H) to a bottom hole located 5 Feet from the West Line in Section 9 and 990 Feet from the North Line in Section 9 (Unit D).

- d. **Upslope Fed Com #213H**, which will be drilled from a surface hole location the NE/4 SE/4 of Section 10 (Unit I) to a bottom hole located 5 Feet from the West Line in Section 9 and 1,520 Feet from the South Line in Section 9 (Unit L).
- 3. Applicant has sought and been unable to obtain voluntary agreement for the development of these lands from all the interest owners in the Unit.
- 4. The pooling of interests will avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste, and protect correlative rights.
- 5. 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 proposed horizontal wells and the Unit.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on August 22, 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 initial wells in the Unit;
- C. Designating Applicant as the operator of the Unit and the horizontal 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, together with a provision adjusting the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedures; and
- F. Imposing a 200% charge for the risk assumed by Applicant in drilling and completing the wells against any working interest owner who does not voluntarily participate in the drilling of the wells.

Respectfully submitted,

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Application of Tap Rock Operating, LLC for Compulsory Pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks an order pooling a standard 1280 acre, more or less, horizontal well spacing unit in the Wolfcamp formation comprised of all of Sections 9 and 10, Township 25 South, Range 25 East NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico initially dedicated to the proposed Upslope Fed Com 202H, Upslope Fed Com 204H, Upslope Fed Com 211H, and Upslope Fed Com 213H well to be horizontally drilled as follows:

- **Upslope Fed Com #202H**, which will be drilled from a surface hole location the SE/4 NE/4 of Section 10 (Unit H) to a bottom hole located 5 Feet from the West Line in Section 9 and 2,360 Feet from the North Line in Section 9 (Unit E).
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Also, to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing the wells and the allocation of the cost thereof, actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of Tap Rock Operating, LLC as operator of the wells, and a 200% charge for risk involved in drilling said wells. The subject area is located approximately 2.15 miles east of Whites City, New Mexico.