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

APPLICATION OF MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY FOR COMPULSORY POOLING AND APPROVAL OF NON-STANDARD SPACING UNIT, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

CASE NO.
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## **APPLICATION**

Pursuant to NMSA § 70-2-17, Mewbourne Oil Company, (OGRID No. 14744) ("Applicant") applies for an order pooling all uncommitted interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying a 480-acre, more or less, non-standard horizonal spacing unit comprised of the E/2 of Section 11 and the NE/4 of Section 14, Township 26 South, Range 29 East, Eddy County, New Mexico ("Unit"). In support of its application, Mewbourne states the following:

- 1. Applicant is a working interest owner in the Unit and has the right to drill wells thereon.
  - 2. The Unit will be dedicated to the following wells ("Wells"):
    - a. Fuller 14/11 Fed Com #568H, Fuller 14/11 Fed Com #527H, and Fuller 14/11 Fed Com #576H wells, to be drilled from surface hole locations in the SE/4 NE/4 (Unit H) of Section 14 to bottom hole locations in the NE/4 NE/4 (Unit A) of Section 11; and
    - b. Fuller 14/11 Fed Com #526H and Fuller 14/11 Fed Com #565H wells, to be drilled from surface hole locations in the SE/4 NE/4 (Unit H) of Section 14 to bottom hole locations in the NW/4 NE/4 (Unit B) of Section 11.
  - 3. The completed intervals of the Wells will be orthodox.

- 4. Applicant has undertaken diligent, good faith efforts to obtain voluntary agreements from all interest owners to participate in the drilling of the Wells but has been unable to obtain voluntary agreements from all interest owners.
- 5. The pooling of uncommitted interests will avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste, and protect correlative rights.
- 6. Approval of a non-standard horizontal spacing unit is necessary to prevent waste and protect correlative rights.
- 7. In order 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 Wells and the Unit.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on September 12, 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 a non-standard horizontal spacing unit;
- C. Approving the Wells in the Unit;
- D. Designating Applicant as operator of the Unit and the Wells to be drilled thereon;
- E. Authorizing Applicant to recover its costs of drilling, equipping and completing the
   Wells;
- F. 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

G. Imposing a 200% penalty 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.

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