

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

**APPLICATION OF FRANKLIN MOUNTAIN  
ENERGY 3, LLC FOR COMPULSORY POOLING,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

**CASE NO. 24195, 24197**

**APPLICATION OF FRANKLIN MOUNTAIN  
ENERGY 3, LLC FOR COMPULSORY POOLING,  
AND, TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY, APPROVAL OF AN  
OVERLAPPING SPACING UNIT,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

**CASE NO. 24196, 24207**

**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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**APPLICANT**

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**OTHER PARTIES**

**None.**

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## STATEMENT OF CASES

### APPLICANT:

In Case No. **24195**, Franklin Mountain Energy 3, LLC seeks an order from the Division pooling all uncommitted mineral interests within a 320-acre, more or less, Wolfcamp horizontal spacing unit comprising the W/2 E/2 of Sections 20 and 29, Township 18 South, Range 35 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico. This spacing unit will be dedicated to following wells: the **Ball State Com 703H** well to be horizontally drilled from a surface hole location in the NE/4 NE/4 (Unit A) of Section 32 to a bottom hole location in the NW/4 NE/4 (Unit B) of Section 20; and the **Ball State Com 803H** well to be horizontally drilled from a surface hole location in the NE/4 NW/4 (Unit C) of Section 32 to a bottom hole location in the NW/4 NE/4 (Unit B) of Section 20. The producing area for the wells is expected to be orthodox. 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 17 miles west of Hobbs, New Mexico.

In Case No. **24196**, Franklin Mountain Energy 3, LLC seeks an order from the Division pooling all uncommitted mineral interests within a 320-acre, more or less, Bone Spring horizontal spacing unit comprising the W/2 E/2 of Sections 20 and 29, Township 18 South, Range 35 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico. Franklin also seeks, to the extent necessary, approval of an overlapping spacing unit. This spacing unit will be dedicated to the following wells: the **Ball State Com 303H** well to be horizontally drilled from a surface hole location in the NE/4 NE/4 (Unit A) of Section 32 to a bottom hole location in the NW/4 NE/4 (Unit B) of Section 20; and the **Ball State Com 603H** well to be horizontally drilled from a surface hole location in the NE/4 NW/4 (Unit C) of Section 32 to a bottom hole location in the NW/4 NE/4 (Unit B) of Section 20. The producing area for the wells is expected to be orthodox. The proposed horizontal spacing unit will overlap with the following existing Bone Spring spacing units:

- A 160-acre horizontal spacing unit comprised of the W/2 E/2 of Section 20 dedicated to Franklin Mountain Energy 3, LLC's Ironhouse 20 State #001H #001H well (API 30-025-40611); and
- A 160-acre horizontal spacing unit comprised of the W/2 E/2 of Section 29 dedicated to Marathon Oil Permian LLC's Nighthawk State Com #003H well (API 30-025-41950).

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 17 miles West of Hobbs, New Mexico.

In Case No. **24197**, Franklin Mountain Energy 3, LLC seeks an order from the Division pooling all uncommitted mineral interests within a 320-acre, more or less, Wolfcamp horizontal spacing unit comprising the E/2 E/2 of Sections 20 and 29, Township 18 South, Range 35 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico. This spacing unit will be dedicated to the **Ball State Com 704H** and **Ball State Com 804H** wells to be horizontally drilled from a surface hole location in the NE/4 NE/4 (Unit A) of Section 32 to a bottom hole location in the NE/4 NE/4 (Unit A) of Section 20. The producing area for the wells is expected to be orthodox. 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 17 miles west of Hobbs, New Mexico.

In Case No. **24207**, Franklin Mountain Energy 3, LLC seeks an order from the Division pooling all uncommitted mineral interests within a 320-acre, more or less, Bone Spring horizontal spacing unit comprising the E/2 E/2 of Sections 20 and 29, Township 18 South, Range 35 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico. Franklin also seeks, to the extent necessary, approval of an overlapping spacing unit. This spacing unit will be dedicated to the **Ball State Com 304H** and **Ball State Com 604H** wells to be horizontally drilled from a surface hole location in the NE/4 NE/4 (Unit A) of Section 32 to a bottom hole location in the NE/4 NE/4 (Unit A) of Section 20. The producing area for the wells is expected to be orthodox. The proposed horizontal spacing unit will overlap with a 160-acre horizontal spacing unit comprised of the E/2 E/2 of Section 20 dedicated to Franklin Mountain Energy 3, LLC’s Ironhouse 20 State #002H well (API 30-025-40748). 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 17 miles West of Hobbs, New Mexico.

**PROPOSED EVIDENCE**

**APPLICANT:**

<b>WITNESS</b>	<b>ESTIMATED TIME</b>	<b>EXHIBITS</b>
Landman: Don Johnson	Approx. 10 minutes	Approx. 10
Geologist: Ben Kessel	Approx. 10 minutes	Approx. 15

## PROCEDURAL ISSUES

On August 1, 2024, Marathon Oil Permian LLC withdrew their Entry of Appearance and their objection to these matters proceeding by affidavit. If there are no further objections to this matter, Franklin intends to present these cases by affidavit.

Respectfully submitted,

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QUESTIONS

Action 375643

**QUESTIONS**

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**QUESTIONS**

<b>Testimony</b>	
<i>Please assist us by provide the following information about your testimony.</i>	
Number of witnesses	2
Testimony time (in minutes)	<i>Not answered.</i>