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

APPLICATION OF MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, 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 Wolfcamp formation underlying a 960-acre, more or less, non-standard horizonal spacing unit comprised of Section 32 and the W/2 of Section 33, Township 20 South, Range 28 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. The **Overlord 33/32 Fed Com #711H (W0CD)** well, which will be drilled from a surface hole location in the SW/4 NE/4 (Unit G) of Section 33 to a bottom hole location in the NW/4 NW/4 (Unit D) of Section 32;
    - b. The **Overlord 33/32 Fed Com #713H (W0FE)** well, which will be drilled from a surface hole location in the SW/4 NE/4 (Unit G) of Section 33 to a bottom hole location in the SW/4 NW/4 (Unit E) of Section 32;
    - c. The **Overlord 33/32 Fed Com #715H (W0KL)** well, which will be drilled from a surface hole location in the NW/4 SE/4 (Unit J) of Section 33 to a bottom hole location in the NW/4 SW/4 (Unit L) of Section 32; and

- d. The **Overlord 33/32 Fed Com #718H (W0NM)** well, which will be drilled from a surface hole location in the NW/4 SE/4 (Unit J) of Section 33 to a bottom hole location in the SW/4 SW/4 (Unit M) of Section 32.
- 3. The completed intervals of the Wells will be orthodox.
- 4. Applicant has applied administratively to the Division for approval of a non-standard horizontal spacing unit. Therefore, approval of a non-standard horizontal spacing unit is not requested in this application.
- 5. Applicant also requests that Order Nos. R-22574 (extended by Order R-22574-A), R-22575 (extended by Order R-22575-A), R-22576 (extended by Order R-22576-A), and R-22577 (extended by Order R-22577-A) (collectively "Orders"), which cover the subject acreage, be vacated. Applicant was designated operator of the units and the wells under these Orders and requests that they be vacated due to a change in drilling plans.
- 6. 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.
- 7. The pooling of uncommitted interests will avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste, and protect correlative rights.
- 8. 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 October 3, 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 Wells in the Unit;
- C. Designating Applicant as operator of the Unit and the Wells to be drilled thereon;
- D. Vacating Order Nos. R-22574 (extended by Order R-22574-A), R-22575 (extended by Order R-22575-A), R-22576 (extended by Order R-22576-A), and R-22577 (extended by Order R-22577-A);
- 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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