

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

**APPLICATION OF MATADOR PRODUCTION COMPANY
TO EXTEND THE DRILLING DEADLINE UNDER ORDER R-22397,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

CASE NO. _____

APPLICATION

Matador Production Company (“Matador” or “Applicant”), through its undersigned attorneys, files this application with the Oil Conservation Division to extend the drilling deadline under compulsory pooling Order No. R-22397. In support of its application, Matador states:

1. On November 22, 2022, the Division entered Order R-22397 in Case 22573 pooling the Wolfcamp formation underlying a standard 320-acre horizontal well spacing unit comprised of the W2SE4 of Section 18, the W2E2 of Section 19, and the W2NE4 of Section 30, Township 24 South, Range 36 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico (the “Pooling Order”). Matador is the designated operator under the Pooling Order and the pooled spacing unit is initially dedicated to the proposed **Huneke Fed Com 213H** well.

2. In November of 2023, Matador filed an application in Case 23897 to extend the drilling deadline, noting that the drilling permit filed with the Bureau of Land Management has not been approved. Following a public hearing on the request, the Division issued order R-22397-A extending until November 22, 2024, the period to drill the proposed well.

3. As of the filing of this application, the drilling permit filed with the Bureau of Land Management remains pending for approval.

4. Good cause exists to extend the deadline to commence drilling the initial well under the Pooling Order.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on October 10, 2024, and, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order extending until November 22, 2025, the deadline to commence drilling the initial well under Order R-22397.

Respectfully submitted,

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CASE _____:

Application of Matador Production Company to Extend the Drilling Deadline Under Order R-22397, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks an extension of time to drill the initial well under pooling Order No. R-22397. This Order pooled the Wolfcamp formation underlying a standard 320-acre horizontal well spacing unit comprised of the W2SE4 of Section 18, the W2E2 of Section 19, and the W2NE4 of Section 30, Township 24 South, Range 36 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. Matador is the designated operator under the pooling order and the pooled spacing unit is initially dedicated to the proposed **Huneke Fed Com 213H** well. Said area is located 13 miles southeast of Malaga, New Mexico.