

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

**APPLICATION OF STEWARD ENERGY II, LLC
TO EXTEND TIME TO COMMENCE
DRILLING OPERATIONS,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

**Case No. _____
Order No. R-22915**

APPLICATION

Steward Energy II, LLC (OGRID No. 371682) (“Steward” or “Applicant”) files this application with the Oil Conservation Division (“Division”) requesting a one-year extension of time to commence drilling the well authorized by Order No. R-22915 (“Order”). In support of its application, Applicant states the following.

1. The Division issued the Order in Case No. 23578 on October 20, 2023, pooling all uncommitted interests in the San Andres formation, underlying a 265.00-acre, more or less, standard horizontal spacing unit comprised of the E/2 of irregular Section 11, Township 13 South, Range 38 East, Lea County, New Mexico (“Unit”), dedicating the Unit to the **Gale Federal 2H** well (“Well”), and designating Applicant as operator of the Unit and the Well.
2. The Order requires Applicant to commence drilling the Well within one (1) year of the date of the Order unless Applicant obtains a time extension from the Division Director for good cause shown.
3. Steward’s ability to commence drilling the Well has been delayed by gas takeaway constraints.
4. Good cause exists for the requested extension.

5. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the Division extend the deadline to commence drilling the Well to October 20, 2025.

WHEREFORE, Steward requests that this application be set for hearing on October 10, 2024, and after notice and hearing, the Division extend the deadline for Steward to commence drilling the Well until October 20, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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