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

APPLICATION OF PERMIAN RESOURCES OPERATING, LLC FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO.	

APPLICATION

Pursuant to NMSA § 70-2-17, Permian Resources Operating, LLC ("Applicant") (OGRID No. 372165) applies for an order pooling all uncommitted interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying a 320-acre, more or less, standard horizontal spacing unit comprised of the E/2 E/2 of Sections 26 and 35, Township 18 South, Range 33 East, Lea County, New Mexico ("Unit"). In support of its application, Applicant 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 **Mercury 26 35 Fed Com #124H** well ("Well"), which will be drilled from a surface hole location in the NW/4 NE/4 (Unit B) of Section 26 to a bottom hole location in the SE/4 SE/4 (Unit P) of Section 35.
 - 3. The completed interval of the Well is expected to 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 Well 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. 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 Well and the Unit.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on October 31, 2024, and, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order:

- A. Pooling all uncommitted interests in the Unit;
- В. Approving the Well in the Unit;
- C. Designating Permian Resources Operating, LLC as operator of the Unit and the Well to be drilled thereon;
- D. Authorizing Permian Resources Operating, LLC to recover its costs of drilling, equipping, and completing the Well;
- E. 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
- F. Imposing a 200% charge for the risk assumed by Permian Resources Operating, LLC in drilling and completing the Well against any working interest owner who does not voluntarily participate in the drilling of the Well.

Respectfully submitted,

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