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

## APPLICATION OF FASKEN OIL AND RANCH, LTD. TO EXTEND THE DRILLING DEADLINE UNDER ORDER NOS. R-21923 AND R-21923-B, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Case No.

## **APPLICATION**

Fasken Oil and Ranch, Ltd. ("Fasken" or "Applicant"), through its undersigned counsel, hereby files this application with the Oil Conservation Division to extend the drilling deadline under compulsory pooling Order Nos. R-21923, R-21923-A, and R-21923-B. In support of its application, Fasken states as follows:

1. On December 7, 2021, the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("OCD") entered Order No. R-21923 (the "Pooling Order"), in Case No. 21620, pooling all uncommitted interest owners in the Wolfcamp formation (SALT LAKE; WOLFCAMP [53570]) in a standard 560-acre, more or less, horizontal spacing and proration unit ("HSU") with proximity tracts, comprised of the E/2 of Section 22 and NE/4 and N/2 SE/4 of Section 27, Township 20 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, in Lea County, New Mexico, dedicated to the Thai Curry Fed Com 433H and the Thai Curry Fed Com 434H wells ("Wells").

2. Titus Oil & Gas Production, LLC ("Titus") was the applicant in Case No. 21620.

3. Subsequently, Fasken and Titus entered into a joint operating agreement ("JOA") in which the parties agreed that Fasken would operate the Wells.

4. Fasken is the current operator of the Wells.

5. On December 5, 2022, the OCD entered Order No. R-21923-A in Case No. 23011 extending until December 7, 2023, the period to drill the wells under the Pooling Order. At the

OCD hearing, the applicant demonstrated that the applications for permits to drill ("APDs") were not yet approved by the Bureau of Land Management ("BLM").

6. On January 31, 2024, the OCD entered Order No. R-21923-B in Case No. 23996 extending until December 7, 2024, the period to drill the wells under the Pooling Order. At the OCD hearing, the applicant again demonstrated good cause for the extension because the APDs still were not yet approved by BLM.

7. At the time of filing this application, the APDs on file with the BLM still have not been approved due to third party opposition to the proposed surface locations within a BLM designated potash Drilling Island.

8. Good cause exists to extend the deadline to commence drilling the Wells.

WHEREFORE, Fasken requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on December 5, 2024, and that, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order extending until December 7, 2025, the deadline to commence drilling the wells under the Pooling Order.

Respectfully submitted,

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*Application of Fasken Oil and Ranch, Ltd. to Extend the Drilling Deadline Under Order Nos. R-21923 and R-21923-B, Lea County, New Mexico.* Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks to amend Order Nos. R-21923 and R-21923-B to extend by one year, through December 7, 2024, the time to commence drilling the Thai Curry Fed Com 433H and the Thai Curry Fed Com 434H wells, proposed to be drilled into the Wolfcamp formation (SALT LAKE; WOLFCAMP [53570]) in a standard 560-acre, more or less, horizontal spacing and proration unit with proximity tracts, underlying the E/2 of Section 22 and NE/4 and N/2 SE/4 of Section 27, Township 20 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, in Lea County, New Mexico. The wells and lands are located approximately twenty-seven miles northeast of Loving, New Mexico.