

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

**APPLICATION OF MRC HAT MESA, LLC
FOR COMPULSORY POOLING,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

CASE NO. _____

APPLICATION

MRC Hat Mesa, LLC (“MRC” or “Applicant”), through undersigned attorneys, files this application with the Oil Conservation Division pursuant to the provisions of NMSA 1978, § 70-2-17, for an order pooling a standard 320-acre, more or less, horizontal well spacing unit in the Bone Spring formation underlying the E2E2 of Sections 14 and 23, Township 21 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. In support of its application, MRC states:

1. Applicant is a working interest owner in the proposed horizontal well spacing units and has the right to drill thereon.
2. Applicant seeks to designate Matador Production Company (OGRID No. 228937) as the operator of the proposed horizontal well spacing units.
3. Applicant seeks to initially dedicate the above-referenced spacing unit the proposed **Blue Chip 1423 Fed 522H, Blue Chip 1423 Fed 551H and Blue Chip 1423 Fed 601H** wells to be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the SE4 of Section 11, with first take points in the NE4NE4 (Unit A) of Section 14 and last take points in the SW4SW4 (Unit P) of Section 23.
4. Applicant has sought and been unable to obtain voluntary agreement for the development of these lands from all interest owners in the subject spacing units.

5. The granting of this application will allow Applicant to obtain a just and fair share of the oil and gas underlying the subject lands, avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, will prevent waste, and will protect correlative rights.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on the January 9, 2025, hearing docket and after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order:

- A. Approving the standard horizontal well spacing unit and pooling all uncommitted interest owners therein;
- B. Designating Matador Production Company as operator of the horizontal well spacing unit and the horizontal wells to be drilled thereon;
- C. Authorizing Applicant to recover its costs of drilling, completing, and equipping the wells;
- D. 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
- E. Imposing a 200% charge 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 well.

Respectfully submitted,

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CASE _____: **Application of MRC Hat Mesa, LLC for Compulsory Pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks an order pooling a standard 320-acre, mor or less, horizontal well spacing unit in the Bone Spring formation underlying the E2E2 of Sections 14 and 23, Township 21 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks to initially dedicate the above-referenced spacing unit the proposed **Blue Chip 1423 Fed 522H, Blue Chip 1423 Fed 551H** and **Blue Chip 1423 Fed 601H** wells to be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the SE4 of Section 11, with first take points in the NE4NE4 (Unit A) of Section 14 and last take points in the SW4SW4 (Unit P) of Section 23. Also, to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing the well and the allocation of the cost thereof, actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of Matador Production Company as operator of the proposed spacing unit, and a 200% charge for risk involved in drilling the proposed well. The subject area is located approximately 33 miles northeast of Carlsbad, New Mexico.