

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

**APPLICATION OF MRC PERMIAN COMPANY  
FOR COMPULSORY POOLING,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

**CASE NO.** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION**

MRC Permian Company (“MRC” or “Applicant”), through undersigned attorneys, hereby 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 N2S2 of Sections 3 and 4, Township 18 South, Range 33 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. In support of its application, MRC states:

1. Applicant is a working interest owner in the proposed horizontal spacing unit 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 spacing unit.
3. Applicant seeks to initially dedicate the above-referenced horizontal spacing unit to the proposed **Noel 0304 Fed Com 123H** well to be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the SW4 of Section 4, with a first take point in the NW4SW4 (Unit L) of Section 4 and a last take point in the NE4SE4 (Unit I) of Section 3.
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 unit.

5. The pooling of interests in the proposed horizontal well spacing unit 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 March 13, 2025, and, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order:

- A. Pooling all uncommitted interests in the proposed horizontal well spacing unit;
- B. Designating Matador Production Company as operator of this horizontal well spacing unit and the wells to be drilled thereon;
- C. Authorizing Applicant to recover its costs of drilling, completing, and equipping the well;
- 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 well against any working interest owner who does not voluntarily participate in the drilling of the well.

Respectfully submitted,

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**ATTORNEYS FOR MRC PERMIAN COMPANY**

**CASE \_\_\_\_\_: Application of MRC Permian Company for Compulsory Pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks an order pooling a standard 320-acre, more or less, horizontal well spacing unit in the Bone Spring formation underlying the N2S2 of Sections 3 and 4, Township 18 South, Range 33 East, NMPPM, Lea County, New Mexico. Said unit will be initially dedicated to the proposed **Noel 0304 Fed Com 123H** well to be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the SW4 of Section 4, with a first take point in the NW4SW4 (Unit L) of Section 4 and a last take point in the NE4SE4 (Unit I) of Section 3. 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 well, and a 200% charge for risk involved in drilling the wells. The subject area is located approximately 21 miles Southwest of Lovington, New Mexico.