

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

**APPLICATION OF MARATHON OIL PERMIAN, LLC  
FOR APPROVAL OF A NON-STANDARD SPACING  
UNIT AND COMPULSORY POOLING,  
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

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

**APPLICATION**

Marathon Oil Permian, LLC (“Marathon” or “Applicant”) (OGRID No. 372098), through its undersigned attorneys, files this application with the Oil Conservation Division pursuant to the provisions of NMSA 1978, § 70-2-17, for an order (a) approving a non-standard 634.72-acre, more or less, horizontal well spacing unit in the Bone Spring formation underlying the S/2 of Section 12, Township 23 South, Range 28 East, and Lots 3 & 4, E/2 SW/4 and SE/4 (S/2 equivalent) of irregular Section 7, Township 23 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, and (b) pooling the uncommitted interest owners in this acreage. In support of this application, Marathon 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 initially dedicate the above-referenced horizontal spacing unit to the proposed **Valkyrie Fed Com 501H** and **Valkyrie Fed Com 551H** wells, both to be drilled from surface locations in the NE/4 SE/4 (Unit I) of Section 11, T23S-R28E, first take points in the SW/4 SW/4 (Unit M) of Section 12, T23S-R28E, and last take points in the SE/4 SE/4 (Unit P) of irregular Section 7, T23S-R29E; and **Valkyrie Fed Com 502H** and **Valkyrie Fed Com 552H** wells, both to be drilled from surface locations in the NE/4 SE/4 (Unit I) of Section 11, T23S-

R28E, first take points in the NW/4 SW/4 (Unit L) of Section 12, T23S-R28E, and last take points in the NE/4 SE/4 (Unit I) of irregular Section 7, T23S-R29E.

3. Approval of a non-standard unit will allow Applicant to efficiently locate surface facilities for the recovery of oil and gas underlying the subject lands, reduce surface disturbance, lower operating costs and allow for efficient well spacing.

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. Approval of this non-standard horizontal well spacing unit and the pooling of interests therein 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 5, 2026, and, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order:

- A. Approving the proposed non-standard horizontal well spacing unit and pooling the uncommitted interest owners therein;
- B. Designating Applicant as operator of this 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 wells.

Respectfully submitted,

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CASE \_\_\_\_\_: **Application of Marathon Oil Permian, LLC for Approval of a Non-Standard Horizontal Well Spacing Unit and Compulsory Pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.** Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks an order (a) approving a non-standard 634.72-acre, more or less, horizontal well spacing unit in the Bone Spring formation underlying the S/2 of Section 12, Township 23 South, Range 28 East, and Lots 3 & 4, E/2 SW/4 and SE/4 (S/2 equivalent) of irregular Section 7, Township 23 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, and (b) pooling the uncommitted interest owners in this acreage. Applicant seeks to initially dedicate the above-referenced horizontal spacing unit to the **Valkyrie Fed Com 501H** and **Valkyrie Fed Com 551H** wells, both to be drilled from surface locations in the NE/4 SE/4 (Unit I) of Section 11, T23S-R28E, first take points in the SW/4 SW/4 (Unit M) of Section 12, T23S-R28E, and last take points in the SE/4 SE/4 (Unit P) of irregular Section 7, T23S-R29E; and **Valkyrie Fed Com 502H** and **Valkyrie Fed Com 552H** wells, both to be drilled from surface locations in the NE/4 SE/4 (Unit I) of Section 11, T23S-R28E, first take points in the NW/4 SW/4 (Unit L) of Section 12, T23S-R28E, and last take points in the NE/4 SE/4 (Unit I) of irregular Section 7, T23S-R29E. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing the wells and the allocation of the cost thereof, actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of Applicant as operator of the wells, and a 200% charge for risk involved in drilling the wells. The subject area is located approximately 4 miles northeast of Loving, New Mexico.