

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

**APPLICATION OF COTERRA ENERGY
OPERATING CO. TO EXTEND TIME
TO COMMENCE DRILLING OPERATIONS,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

**CASE NO. 25918
ORDER NO. R-23750**

COTERRA’S PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

Coterra Energy Operating Co. (“Applicant”) (OGRID No. 215099), through its undersigned attorney, hereby submits this Pre-Hearing Statement pursuant to the rules of the Oil Conservation Division.

APPEARANCES

APPLICANT

Coterra Energy Operating Co.

ATTORNEY

Benjamin B. Holliday
P.O. BOX 6166
San Antonio, Texas 78209
Phone: (210) 469-3197
ben@helg.law
*Counsel for Coterra Energy
Operating Company*

RESPONDENTS

None.

APPLICANT’S STATEMENT OF THE CASE

In Case No. 25918, Coterra Energy Operating Co. (“Applicant”) (OGRID No. 215099), through its undersigned attorney, hereby files this Application with the Oil Conservation Division of the State of New Mexico (“Division”) requesting a one-year time extension to commence drilling the Well(s) authorized by Order No. R-23750 (“Order”). In support of its application, Applicant states the following:

1. The Division entered the Order in Case No. 24873 on April 1, 2025.
2. The Order pooled all uncommitted interests in the Bone Spring Formation underlying a 1262.72 -acre, more or less, non-standard horizontal spacing unit comprised of the Sections 30 and 31, both located in Township 18 South, Range 34 East, NMPM Lea County, New Mexico (“Unit”), for the purpose of drilling the Speedmaster 30 Fed Com 301H (“301H Well”), Speedmaster 30 Fed Com 302H (“302H Well”), Speedmaster 30 Fed Com 303H (“303H Well”), Speedmaster 30 Fed Com 304H (“304H Well”), Speedmaster 30 Fed Com 501H (“501H Well”), and the Speedmaster 30 Fed Com 502H (“502H Well”). The 301H Well, the 302H Well, the 303H Well, the 304H Well, the 501H Well, and the 502H Well are referred to collectively herein as the “Wells.”
3. The Order designated Avant Operating, LLC (“Avant”) as operator of the Unit. In January 2025, Applicant acquired Avant’s interests in the Unit and is the successor in interest to Avant under the Order.
4. Applicant’s ability to commence drilling the wells has been delayed by the January 2025 acquisition of Avant, as well as the acquisition of Franklin Mountain Energy. Additionally, unanticipated changes in economic conditions, including volatile commodity price fluctuations and tariffs have resulted in economic uncertainty creating unexpected delay.

Accordingly, Applicant requests that the Division extend the deadline to commence drilling the Wells for one year from April 1, 2026 to April 1, 2027.

APPLICANT'S EVIDENCE

WITNESS Name and Expertise	ESTIMATED TIME	EXHIBITS
Adam Morgan, Landman	Affidavit / As Needed	Approximately 4
Ben Holliday, Attorney	Affidavit / As Needed	Approximately 5

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Applicant intends to present this case by affidavit if there is no opposition at the time of the hearing. No party has voiced opposition to this matter proceeding by affidavit, and Applicant does not anticipate opposition to this motion at the hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

HOLLIDAY ENERGY LAW GROUP, PC

/s/ Benjamin B. Holliday

Benjamin B. Holliday

P.O. BOX 6166

San Antonio, Texas 78209

Phone: (210) 469-3197

ben@helg.law

Counsel for Coterra Energy Operating Company

Sante Fe Main Office
Phone: (505) 476-3441

General Information
Phone: (505) 629-6116

Online Phone Directory
<https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/ocd/contact-us>

State of New Mexico
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources
Oil Conservation Division
1220 S. St Francis Dr.
Santa Fe, NM 87505

QUESTIONS

Action 558484

QUESTIONS

Operator: Coterra Energy Operating Co. 6001 Deauville Blvd Midland, TX 79706	OGRID: 215099
	Action Number: 558484
	Action Type: [HEAR] Prehearing Statement (PREHEARING)

QUESTIONS

Testimony	
<i>Please assist us by provide the following information about your testimony.</i>	
Number of witnesses	<i>Not answered.</i>
Testimony time (in minutes)	<i>Not answered.</i>