

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

**APPLICATION OF MRC PERMIAN
COMPANY TO EXTEND THE DRILLING
DEADLINE UNDER ORDER NO. R-23883,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

CASE NO. _____
ORDER NO. R-23883

APPLICATION

MRC Permian Company (“MRC” or “Applicant”), through its undersigned attorneys, hereby files this application with the Oil Conservation Division to extend the drilling deadline under compulsory pooling Order No. R-23883 (“Pooling Order”). In support of its application, MRC states:

1. On July 24, 2025, the Division entered Order No. R-23883 in Case No. 25409, which pooled the uncommitted interests underlying a nonstandard 983.65-acre, more or less, horizontal well spacing unit in the Pennsylvanian formation (Dean; Permo Upper Penn [16720]) comprised of the W/2 of Sections 26 and 35, Township 15 South, Range 36 East, and Lots 3-6 and 11-14 (NW/4 equivalent) of irregular Section 5, Township 16 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico (the “Unit”). Matador Production Company (OGRID No. 228937) is the operator under the Pooling Order and the pooled spacing unit is initially dedicated to the proposed **Steve Ruschell State Com 241H** (API No. 30-025-PENDING) and **Steve Ruschell State Com 242H** (API No. 30-025-PENDING) wells.

2. This is MRC’s first request to extend the deadline to commence drilling the initial well under the Pooling Order. MRC is simultaneously seeking an extension through the Division’s

request for deviation process, per paragraph 21 of the Pooling Order, and will dismiss this case if approved.

3. Under the Order, Applicant would be required to commence drilling the wells by July 25, 2026, and therefore, asks for the deadline to commence drilling the wells be extended for a year, to July 25, 2027.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on June 4, 2026, and, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order extending the time for MRC to commence drilling the proposed initial wells under the Order.

Respectfully submitted,

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CASE _____: **Application of MRC Permian Company to Extend the Drilling Deadline Under Order No. R-23883, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks a year extension of time for drilling the initial well under Order No. R-23883. The Unit is a nonstandard 983.65-acre, more or less, horizontal well spacing unit in the Pennsylvanian formation (Dean; Permo Upper Penn [16720]) comprised of the W/2 of Sections 26 and 35, Township 15 South, Range 36 East, and Lots 3-6 and 11-14 (NW/4 equivalent) of Section 5, Township 16 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. Order No. R-23883 pooled the uncommitted mineral interests in the Pennsylvanian formation and dedicated the Unit to the proposed **Steve Ruschell State Com 241H** (API No. 30-025-PENDING) well, to be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the SW/4 SW/4 (Unit M) of Section 23, T15S-R36E, to a bottom hole location in Lot 13 (SW/4 NW/4 equivalent) of irregular Section 5, T16S-R37E, and **Steve Ruschell State Com 242H** (API No. 30-025-PENDING) well, to be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the SW/4 SW/4 (Unit M) of Section 23, T15S-R36E, to a bottom hole location in Lot 14 (SE/4 NW/4 equivalent) of irregular Section 5, T16S-R37E. The subject area is located approximately 4.5 miles northeast of Lovington, New Mexico.