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

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION FOR COMPULSORY POOLING SUBMITTED BY FRANKLIN MOUNTAIN ENERGY, LLC

CASE NO. 22117 ORDER NO. R-21858

#### **ORDER**

The Director of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("OCD"), having heard this matter through a Hearing Examiner on September 23, 2021, and after considering the testimony, evidence, and recommendation of the Hearing Examiner, issues the following Order.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC ("Operator") submitted an application ("Application") to compulsory pool the uncommitted oil and gas interests within the spacing unit ("Unit") described in Exhibit A. The Unit is expected to be a standard horizontal spacing unit. 19.15.16.15(B) NMAC. Operator seeks to be designated the operator of the Unit.
- 2. Operator will dedicate the well(s) described in Exhibit A ("Well(s)") to the Unit.
- 3. Operator does not propose any supervision and risk charges for the Well(s) described in Exhibit A, because the uncommitted oil and gas interests the Operator is seeking to be pool by this Application do not include any working interests.
- 4. Operator identified the owners of uncommitted interests in oil and gas minerals in the Unit and provided evidence that notice was given.
- 5. The Application was heard by the Hearing Examiner on the date specified above, during which Operator presented evidence through affidavits in support of the Application. No other party presented evidence at the hearing.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 6. OCD has jurisdiction to issue this Order pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 70-2-17.
- 7. Operator is the owner of an oil and gas working interest within the Unit.
- 8. Operator satisfied the notice requirements for the Application and the hearing as required by 19.15.4.12 NMAC.
- 9. OCD satisfied the notice requirements for the hearing as required by 19.15.4.9 NMAC.

- 10. Operator has the right to drill the Well(s) to a common source of supply at the depth(s) and location(s) in the Unit described in Exhibit A.
- 11. The Unit contains separately owned uncommitted interests in oil and gas minerals.
- 12. Some of the owners of the uncommitted interests have not agreed to commit their interests to the Unit.
- 13. The pooling of uncommitted interests in the Unit will prevent waste and protect correlative rights, including the drilling of unnecessary wells.
- 14. This Order affords to the owner of an uncommitted interest the opportunity to produce his just and equitable share of the oil or gas in the pool.

## **ORDER**

- 15. The uncommitted interests in the Unit are pooled as set forth in Exhibit A.
- 16. The Unit shall be dedicated to the Well(s) set forth in Exhibit A.
- 17. Operator is designated as operator of the Unit and the Well(s).
- 18. If the location of a well will be unorthodox under the spacing rules in effect at the time of completion, Operator shall obtain the OCD's approval for a non-standard location in accordance with 19.15.16.15(C) NMAC.
- 19. The Operator shall commence drilling the Well(s) within one year after the date of this Order, and complete each Well no later than one (1) year after the commencement of drilling the Well.
- 20. This Order shall terminate automatically if Operator fails to comply with Paragraph 19 unless Operator obtains an extension by amending this Order for good cause shown.
- 21. The infill well requirements in 19.15.13.9 NMAC through 19.15.13.12 NMAC shall be applicable.
- 22. Because the interests to be pooled by this Order do not include any working interests, there is no necessity to provide in this Order for allocation of costs, risk charges, or overhead charges.
- 23. Except as provided above, Operator shall hold the revenue attributable to a well that is not disbursed for any reason for the account of the person(s) entitled to the revenue as provided in the Oil and Gas Proceeds Payment Act, NMSA 1978, Sections 70-10-1 *et seq.*, and relinquish such revenue as provided in the Uniform Unclaimed Property Act, NMSA 1978, Sections 7-8A-1 *et seq.*

- 24. The Unit shall terminate if (a) the owners of all Uncommitted Interests reach a voluntary agreement; or (b) the well(s) drilled on the Unit are plugged and abandoned in accordance with the applicable rules. Operator shall inform OCD no later than thirty (30) days after such occurrence.
- 25. OCD retains jurisdiction of this matter for the entry of such orders as may be deemed necessary.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

**DIRECTOR** AES/jag

Date: 10/07/2021

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ALL INFORMATION IN THE APPLICATION MUST BE SUPPORTED BY SIGNED AFFIDAVITS		
Case: 22117	APPLICANT'S RESPONSE	
Date: September 23, 2021		
Applicant	Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC	
Designated Operator & OGRID (affiliation if applicable)	Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC (373910)	
Applicant's Counsel:	Modrall Sperling (Deana Bennett, Jamie Allen)	
Case Title:	Application of Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC for Compulsory Pooling, Lea County, New Mexico	
Entries of Appearance/Intervenors:	None	
Well Family	Colorado	
Formation/Pool		
Formation Name(s) or Vertical Extent:	Bone Spring / Wolfbone	
Primary Product (Oil or Gas):	Oil	
Pooling this vertical extent:	Bone Spring / Wolfbone	
Pool Name and Pool Code:	WC-025 G-07 S243517D; MIDDLE BONE SPRING, Pool Code 98294 WC-025 G-09 S243532M; WOLFBONE, Pool Code 98098	
Well Location Setback Rules:	Statewide rules	
Spacing Unit Size:	320 acres	
Spacing Unit		
Type (Horizontal/Vertical)	Horizontal	
Size (Acres)	320 acres	
Building Blocks:	40 acres	
Orientation:	North-South	
Description: TRS/County	E/2E/2 of Sections 9 and 4, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico	
Standard Horizontal Well Spacing Unit (Y/N), If No, describe	Υ	
Other Situations		
Depth Severance: Y/N. If yes, description	N	
Proximity Tracts: If yes, description	N	
Proximity Defining Well: if yes, description	N	
Applicant's Ownership in Each Tract	Exhibit 4.	

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Name & API (if assigned), surface and bottom hole location, footages, completion target, orientation, completion status (standard or non-standard)	Exhibits 2A & 2B. See also Tab B, Declaration of Shelly Albrecht, ¶¶ 16, 18.
Well #1	Breckenridge Fed Com 304H API: 30-025-47027 SHL: 325 feet from the South line and 1233 feet from the East line, Section 9, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM. BHL: 150 feet from the North line and 350 feet from the East line, Section 4, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM. Completion Target: Middle Bone Spring at approximately 11,106' TVD. Well Orientation: North/South Completion location: Expected to be standard. See also Exhibit 2A for C-102.
Well #2	Breckenridge Fed Com 604H API: 30-025-47117 SHL: 325 feet from the South line and 1303 feet from the East line, Section 9, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM. BHL: 150 feet from the North line and 350 feet from the East line, Section 4, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM. Completion Target: Wolfbone at approximately 11,813' TVD. Well Orientation: North/South Completion location: Expected to be standard. See also Exhibit 2B for C-102.
Horizontal Well First and Last Take Points	Exhibits 2A & 2B.
Well #1	Breckridge Fed Com 304H Proposed first take point: 816' FSL, 459' FEL, Proposed last take point 150' FNL, 350' FEL. See Exhibit 2A.
Well #2	Breckridge Fed Com 604H Proposed first take point: 729' FSL, 459' FEL, Proposed last take point 150' FNL, 350' FEL. See Exhibit 2B.
Completion Target (Formation, TVD and MD)	See Tab B, Declaration of Shelly Albrecht, ¶¶ 16, 18.
AFE Capex and Operating Costs	
Drilling Supervision/Month \$	N/A
Production Supervision/Month \$	N/A
Justification for Supervision Costs	N/A

Requested Risk Charge	N/A
Notice of Hearing	
Proposed Notice of Hearing	Exhibit 5
Proof of Mailed Notice of Hearing (20 days before hearing)	Exhibit 5
Proof of Published Notice of Hearing (10 days before hearing)	Exhibit 5
Ownership Determination	
Land Ownership Schematic of the Spacing Unit	Exhibit 4
Tract List (including lease numbers and owners)	Exhibit 4
Pooled Parties (including ownership type)	Exhibit 4
Unlocatable Parties to be Pooled	N/A
Ownership Depth Severance (including percentage above & bel	o N/A
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Sample Copy of Proposal Letter	N/A
List of Interest Owners (ie Exhibit A of JOA)	N/A
Chronology of Contact with Non-Joined Working Interests	N/A
Overhead Rates In Proposal Letter	N/A
Cost Estimate to Drill and Complete	N/A
Cost Estimate to Equip Well	N/A
Cost Estimate for Production Facilities	N/A
Geology	
Summary (including special considerations)	Tab C
Spacing Unit Schematic	Exhibit 7
Gunbarrel/Lateral Trajectory Schematic	Exhibit 7
Well Orientation (with rationale)	Exhibit 10
Farget Formation	Exhibits 8A through 8D, Exhibits 9A through 9D
HSU Cross Section	Exhibit 8C, Exhibit 9C
Depth Severance Discussion	N/A
Forms, Figures and Tables	
C-102	Exhibit 2A, Exhibit 2B
Tracts celeased to Imaging: 9/22/2021-8:27:08 AM	Exhibit 4

Summary of Interests, Unit Recapitulation (Tracts)	Exhibit 4
General Location Map (including basin)	Exhibit 6
Well Bore Location Map	Exhibit 6
Structure Contour Map - Subsea Depth	Exhibit 8A, Exhibit 9A
Cross Section Location Map (including wells)	Exhibit 8B, Exhibit 9B
Cross Section (including Landing Zone)	Exhibit 8C, Exhibit 9C
Additional Information	
CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the information	n provided in this checklist is complete and accurate.
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