# 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. 22445 ORDER NO. R-21995

#### **ORDER**

The Director of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("OCD"), having heard this matter through a Hearing Examiner on January 6, 2022, 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

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ALL INFORMATION IN THE APPLICATION MUST BE SUPPORTED BY SIGNED AFFIDAVITS		
Case: 22445	APPLICANT'S RESPONSE	
Date: January 6, 2022		
Applicant	Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC	
Designated Operator & OGRID (affiliation if applicable)	Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC (373910)	
Applicant's Counsel:	Modrall, Sperling, Roehl, Harris & Sisk, P.A. (Deans M. Bennett, Earl E. DeBrine, and Bryce H. Smith)	
Case Title:	Application of Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC for Compulsory Pooling, Lea County, New Mexico	
Entries of Appearance/Intervenors:	None	
Well Family	Master/Triumph	
Formation/Pool		
Formation Name(s) or Vertical Extent:	Wolfcamp	
Primary Product (Oil or Gas):	Oil	
Pooling this vertical extent:	Wolfcamp	
	WC-025 G-09 S253502D; UPR WOLFCAMP, pool code 98187	
Well Location Setback Rules:	Statewide rules	
Spacing Unit Size:	640 acres	
Spacing Unit		
Type (Horizontal/Vertical)	Horizontal	
Size (Acres)	640 acres	
Building Blocks:	40 acres	
Orientation:	North-South	
Description: TRS/County	E/2 of Sections 14 and 23, 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	Υ	
Proximity Defining Well: if yes, description	Triumph Fed Com 705H well will be within 330'	
	from the adjoining tracts.	

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Well(s) EXAMINER HEARING	
Name & API (if assigned), surface and bottom hole location, footages, completion target, orientation, completion status (standard or non-standard)	See Exhibits 3 and 6. See also Tab B, Declaration of Lee Zink.
Well #1	Master Fed Com 704H  API: 30-025-48591  SHL: 272 feet from the North line and 2499 feet from the West line, Section 14, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM.  BHL: 150 feet from the South line and 2152 feet from the East line, Section 23, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM.  Completion Target: Wolfcamp at approximately 11,941' TVD.  Well Orientation: North/South  Completion location: Expected to be standard. See Exhibits 3 and 6.
Well #2	Triumph Fed Com 705H  API: 30-025-48597  SHL: 269 feet from the North line and 1352 feet from the East line, Section 14, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM.  BHL: 150 feet from the South line and 1226 feet from the East line, Section 23, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM.  Completion Target: Wolfcamp at approximately 12,071' TVD.  Well Orientation: North/South Completion location: Expected to be standard. See Exhibits 3 and 6.
Well #3	Triumph Fed Com 706H  API: 30-025-48598  SHL: 269 feet from the North line and 1282 feet from the East line, Section 14, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM.  BHL: 150 feet from the South line and 350 feet from the East line, Section 23, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM.  Completion Target: Wolfcamp at approximately 11,874' TVD.  Well Orientation: North/South Completion location: Expected to be standard. See Exhibits 3 and 6.
Horizontal Well First and Last Take Points	See Exhibit 3
Completion Target (Formation, TVD and MD)	See Exhibit 6

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Well #1 EXAMINER HEARING	ANUARY 6-2022 Master Fed Com 704H
	Formation: Wolfcamp
	TVD: 11,941'
W. H. vo	MD: 21,974'
Well #2	Triumph Fed Com 705H
	Formation: Wolfcamp TVD: 12,071'
	MD: 22,076'
Well #3	Triumph Fed Com 706H
	TVD: 11,874'
	MD: 21,931'
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 8, Exhibit 2, page 4
Proof of Mailed Notice of Hearing (20 days before hearing)	Exhibit 8
Proof of Published Notice of Hearing (10 days before hearing)	Exhibit 8
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 & be	lovN/A
Joinder	
Sample Copy of Proposal Letter	Exhibit 6
List of Interest Owners (ie Exhibit A of JOA)	Exhibit 4
Chronology of Contact with Non-Joined Working Interests	Exhibit 5
Overhead Rates In Proposal Letter	N/A
Cost Estimate to Drill and Complete	Exhibit 7
Cost Estimate to Equip Well Case No. 2  Case No. 2	<sub>244</sub> 5xhibit 7

Cost Estimate for Production Facilities	Exhibit 7
Geology	
Summary (including special considerations)	Tab C
Spacing Unit Schematic	Exhibit 10
Gunbarrel/Lateral Trajectory Schematic	Exhibit 10
Well Orientation (with rationale)	Exhibit 12
Target Formation	Exhibit 11
HSU Cross Section	Exhibit 11
Depth Severance Discussion	N/A
Forms, Figures and Tables	
C-102	Exhibit 3
Tracts	Exhibit 4
Summary of Interests, Unit Recapitulation (Tracts)	Exhibit 4
General Location Map (including basin)	Exhibit 9
Well Bore Location Map	Exhibit 9
Structure Contour Map - Subsea Depth	Exhibit 11
Cross Section Location Map (including wells)	Exhibit 11
Cross Section (including Landing Zone)	Exhibit 11
Additional Information	
CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the information p	provided in this checklist is complete and accurate.
Printed Name (Attorney or Party Representative):	Deana M. Benner
Signed Name (Attorney or Party Representative):	War M Britt
Date:	Tuesday, January 4, 202

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