

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

**IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATIONS TO
AMEND ORDER R-21669 SUBMITTED BY
MATADOR PRODUCTION COMPANY**

**CASE NO. 22686
CASE NO. 22923
ORDER NO. R-21669-A**

ORDER

The Director of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (“OCD”), having heard this matter through a Hearing Examiner on July 21, 2022, and August 4, 2022, and after considering the testimony, evidence, and recommendation of the Hearing Examiner, issues the following Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On April 20, 2021, OCD issued Order R-21669 to Matador Production Company (“Operator”) to pool the uncommitted oil and gas interests within the specified spacing unit (“Unit”).
2. On March 8, 2022, Operator submitted an application under Case 22686 requesting an extension to drill the well(s) as required by Order R-21669.
3. Subsequent to the issuance of Order R-21669, Operator discovered previously unidentified interest owner(s) in the Unit.
4. On June 7, 2022, Operator filed an application under Case 22923 with the OCD to amend Order R-21669 to pool additional interest owner(s). (The applications filed under Case Nos. 22686 and 22923 are referred to as the “Applications”)
5. Operator identified the owners of uncommitted interests in oil and gas minerals in the Unit and provided evidence that notice of the Applications was given.
6. Operator has demonstrated good cause to extend the deadlines in Order R-21669.
7. The Applications were heard by the Hearing Examiner, during which Operator presented evidence through affidavits in support of the Applications. No other party presented evidence at either hearing.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

8. OCD has jurisdiction to issue this Order pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 70-2-17.
9. Operator satisfied the notice requirements for the Applications and the hearings as required by 19.15.4.12 NMAC.

10. OCD satisfied the notice requirements for the hearings as required by 19.15.4.9 NMAC.
11. This Order affords to each owner of an uncommitted interest the opportunity to produce its just and equitable share of the oil or gas in the pool.
12. The previously unidentified interest owner has not agreed to commit its interest to the Unit.
13. The pooling of the previously unidentified uncommitted interest in the Unit will prevent waste and protect correlative rights, including the drilling of unnecessary wells.
14. This Order affords to the previously unidentified interest owner the opportunity to produce its just and equitable share of the oil or gas in the pool.

ORDER

15. The previously unidentified uncommitted interest in the Unit is hereby pooled in the Unit.
16. The period to drill the well(s) is extended until April 20, 2023.
17. This Order shall terminate automatically if Operator fails to comply with Paragraph 16 unless prior to termination Operator applies, and OCD grants, to amend Order R-21669 for good cause shown.
18. OCD retains jurisdiction of this matter for the entry of such orders as may be deemed necessary.
19. The remaining provisions of Order R-21669 remain in full force and effect.

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