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

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION FOR COMPULSORY POOLING SUBMITTED BY MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY

CASE NO. 23445 ORDER NO. R-22786

### **ORDER**

The Director of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("OCD"), having heard this matter through a Hearing Examiner on June 15, 2023, and after considering the testimony, evidence, and recommendation of the Hearing Examiner, issues the following Order.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Mewbourne Oil Company ("Operator") submitted an application ("Application") to compulsory pool the uncommitted oil and gas interests within the spacing unit ("Unit") described in Exhibit A. 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 proposes the supervision and risk charges for the Well(s) described in Exhibit A.
- 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.

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- 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. If the Unit is a non-standard horizontal spacing unit which has not been approved under this Order, Operator shall obtain the OCD's approval for a non-standard horizontal spacing unit in accordance with 19.15.16.15(B)(5) NMAC.
- 20. 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.
- 21. This Order shall terminate automatically if Operator fails to comply with Paragraph 20 unless Operator obtains an extension by amending this Order for good cause shown.
- 22. The infill well requirements in 19.15.13.9 NMAC through 19.15.13.12 NMAC shall be applicable.
- 23. Operator shall submit each owner of an uncommitted working interest in the pool ("Pooled Working Interest") an itemized schedule of estimated costs to drill, complete, and equip the well ("Estimated Well Costs").
- 24. No later than thirty (30) days after Operator submits the Estimated Well Costs, the owner of a Pooled Working Interest shall elect whether to pay its share of the Estimated Well Costs or its share of the actual costs to drill, complete and equip the well ("Actual Well Costs") out of production from the well. An owner of a Pooled

Working Interest who elects to pay its share of the Estimated Well Costs shall render payment to Operator no later than thirty (30) days after the expiration of the election period, and shall be liable for operating costs, but not risk charges, for the well. An owner of a Pooled Working Interest who fails to pay its share of the Estimated Well Costs or who elects to pay its share of the Actual Well Costs out of production from the well shall be considered to be a "Non-Consenting Pooled Working Interest."

- 25. No later than one hundred eighty (180) days after Operator submits a Form C-105 for a well, Operator shall submit to each owner of a Pooled Working Interest an itemized schedule of the Actual Well Costs. The Actual Well Costs shall be considered to be the Reasonable Well Costs unless an owner of a Pooled Working Interest files a written objection no later than forty-five (45) days after receipt of the schedule. If an owner of a Pooled Working Interest files a timely written objection, OCD shall determine the Reasonable Well Costs after public notice and hearing.
- 26. No later than sixty (60) days after the expiration of the period to file a written objection to the Actual Well Costs or OCD's order determining the Reasonable Well Costs, whichever is later, each owner of a Pooled Working Interest who paid its share of the Estimated Well Costs shall pay to Operator its share of the Reasonable Well Costs that exceed the Estimated Well Costs, or Operator shall pay to each owner of a Pooled Working Interest who paid its share of the Estimated Well Costs its share of the Estimated Well Costs that exceed the Reasonable Well Costs.
- 27. The reasonable charges for supervision to drill and produce a well ("Supervision Charges") shall not exceed the rates specified in Exhibit A, provided however that the rates shall be adjusted annually pursuant to the COPAS form entitled "Accounting Procedure-Joint Operations."
- 28. No later than within ninety (90) days after Operator submits a Form C-105 for a well, Operator shall submit to each owner of a Pooled Working Interest an itemized schedule of the reasonable charges for operating and maintaining the well ("Operating Charges"), provided however that Operating Charges shall not include the Reasonable Well Costs or Supervision Charges. The Operating Charges shall be considered final unless an owner of a Pooled Working Interest files a written objection no later than forty-five (45) days after receipt of the schedule. If an owner of a Pooled Working Interest files a timely written objection, OCD shall determine the Operating Charges after public notice and hearing.
- 29. Operator may withhold the following costs and charges from the share of production due to each owner of a Pooled Working Interest who paid its share of the Estimated Well Costs: (a) the proportionate share of the Supervision Charges; and (b) the proportionate share of the Operating Charges.

- 30. Operator may withhold the following costs and charges from the share of production due to each owner of a Non-Consenting Pooled Working Interest: (a) the proportionate share of the Reasonable Well Costs; (b) the proportionate share of the Supervision and Operating Charges; and (c) the percentage of the Reasonable Well Costs specified as the charge for risk described in Exhibit A.
- 31. Operator shall distribute a proportionate share of the costs and charges withheld pursuant to paragraph 29 to each Pooled Working Interest that paid its share of the Estimated Well Costs.
- 32. Each year on the anniversary of this Order, and no later than ninety (90) days after each payout, Operator shall provide to each owner of a Non-Consenting Pooled Working Interest a schedule of the revenue attributable to a well and the Supervision and Operating Costs charged against that revenue.
- 33. Any cost or charge that is paid out of production shall be withheld only from the share due to an owner of a Pooled Working Interest. No cost or charge shall be withheld from the share due to an owner of a royalty interests. For the purpose of this Order, an unleased mineral interest shall consist of a seven-eighths (7/8) working interest and a one-eighth (1/8) royalty interest.
- 34. 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.*
- 35. The Unit shall terminate if (a) the owners of all Pooled Working 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.
- 36. OCD retains jurisdiction of this matter for the entry of such orders as may be deemed necessary.

Date: 7/10/2023

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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**DIRECTOR** 

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COMPULSORY POOLING APPLICATION CHECKLIST	
ALL INFORMATION IN THE APPLICATION MUST BE SUPPORTED BY SIGNED AFFIDAVITS	
Case: 23445	APPLICANT'S RESPONSE
Date: June 15, 2023	
Applicant	Mewbourne Oil Company
Designated Operator & OGRID (affiliation if applicable)	Mewbourne Oil Company/OGRID No. 14744
Applicant's Counsel:	James Bruce, Attorney at Law
Case Title:	Application of Mewbourne Oil Company for Compulsory Pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico
Entries of Appearance/Intervenors:	N/A
Well Family	Fuller Wolfcamp wells
Formation/Pool	
Formation Name(s) or Vertical Extent:	Wolfcamp formation
Primary Product (Oil or Gas):	Gas
Pooling this vertical extent:	Entire Wolfcamp formation
Pool Name and Pool Code:	Purple Sage; Wolfcamp, Gas (pool Code 98220)
Well Location Setback Rules:	Purple Sage Special Rules, Statewide Rules
Spacing Unit	
Type (Horizontal/Vertical)	Horizontal
Size (Acres)	480 acres
Building Blocks:	160 acres
Orientation:	South – North
Description: TRS/County	NW/4 §14 and W/2 §11, Township 26 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Eddy County
Standard Horizontal Well Spacing Unit (Y/N), If No, describe and is approval of nonstandard unit requested in this application?	Yes
Other Situations Depth Severance: Y/N. If yes,	No
description	
Proximity Tracts: If yes, description	No
Proximity Defining Well: if yes,	

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description	
Applicant's Ownership in Each	Exhibit 2B
Tract	
Well(s)	
Name & API (if assigned),	Fuller 14/11 W1FD Fed. Com. Well No. 111
surface and bottom hole	Fuller 14/11 W1ED Fed. Com. Well No. 1H API No. 30-015-53452
location, footages, completion	SHL: 2560 FNL & 710 FWL §14
target, orientation, completion	BHL: 100 FNL & 890 FWL §11
status (standard or non-	FTP: 2540 FNL & 890 FWL §14
standard)	LTP: 100 FNL & 890 FWL §11
	Target formation: Wolfcamp; South - North orientation
	TVD 10188 feet, MD 17910 feet
	Not drilled
Well #2	Fuller 14/11 W1ED Fed. Com. Well No. 2H
	API No. 30-015-53451
	SHL: 2500 FNL & 710 FWL §14
	BHL: 100 FNL & 330 FWL §11
	FTP: 2540 FSL & 330 FWL §14
	LTP: 100 FNL & 330 FWL §11
	Target formation: Wolfcamp; South - North orientation
	TVD 10378 feet, MD 18123 feet
	Not drilled
Well #3	Fuller 14/11 W1FC Fed. Com. Well No. 1H
	API No. 30-015-53453
	SHL: 2580 FNL & 710 FWL §14
	BHL: 100 FNL & 1450 FWL §11
	FTP: 2540 FSL & 1450 FWL §14
	LTP: 100 FNL & 1450 FWL §11
	Target formation: Wolfcamp; South - North orientation
	TVD 10398 feet, MD 18161 feet
	Not drilled
Well #4	Fuller 14/11 W1FC Fed. Com. Well No. 1H
	API No. 30-01 <del>5-49781</del>
	SHL: 2600 FNL & 540 FWL §14
	BHL: 100 FNL & 2010 FWL §11
	FTP: 2540 FSL & 2010 FWL §14
	LTP: 100 FNL & 2010 FWL §11
	Target formation: Wolfcamp; South - North orientation
	TVD 10205 feet, MD 18128 feet
	Not drilled

Horizontal Well First and Last Take Points	See above
Completion Target (Formation, TVD and MD)	See above
AFE Capex and Operating Costs	
Drilling Supervision/Month \$	\$8000
Production Supervision/Month \$	\$800
Justification for Supervision	
Costs	Exhibit 2, page 2
Requested Risk Charge	200%
Notice of Hearing	
Proposed Notice of Hearing	Exhibit 1
Proof of Mailed Notice of	
Hearing (20 days before hearing)	Exhibit 4
Proof of Published Notice of	
Hearing (10 days before hearing)	Exhibit 5
Ownership Determination	
Land Ownership Schematic of	DAY ON THE SEASON OF THE SEASON DESCRIPTION OF THE SEASON
the Spacing Unit	Exhibit 2B
Tract List (including lease	LAMBIC 2D
numbers and owners)	Exhibit 2B
If approval of Non-Standard	EXHIBIT 2B
Spacing Unit is requested, Tract	
List (including lease numbers	
and owners) of Tracts subject to	
notice requirements.	N/A
Pooled Parties (including	147.
ownership type)	Exhibit 2B (Working Interest Owners)
Unlocatable Parties to be Pooled	Yes
Ownership Depth Severance	163
(including percentage above &	
below)	N/A
Joinder	
Sample Copy of Proposal Letter	Exhibit 2C
List of Interest Owners (i.e.	
Exhibit A of JOA)	Exhibit 2B
Chronology of Contact with	
Non-Joined Working Interests	
Overhead Rates In Proposal	
Letter	\$8000/\$800
Cost Estimate to Drill and	
Complete	Exhibit 2D
Cost Estimate to Equip Well	Exhibit 2D
Cost Estimate for Production	
Facilities	Exhibit 2D

Geology	
Summary (including special	
considerations)	Exhibit 3
Spacing Unit Schematic	Exhibit 3A
Gunbarrel/Lateral Trajectory	
Schematic	Exhibit 3B
Well Orientation (with	
rationale)	Exhibits 3, 3A, and 3C
Target Formation	Wolfcamp
HSU Cross Section	Exhibit 3B
Depth Severance Discussion	N/A
Forms, Figures and Tables	
C-102s	Exhibit 2A
Tracts	Exhibit 2B
Summary of Interests, Unit	LATIBIT ZD
Recapitulation (Tracts)	Exhibit 2B
General Location Map (including	LATIBIT 2D
basin)	Exhibit 2A
Well Bore Location Map	Exhibit 2A
Structure Contour Map - Subsea	EATHOR 21
Depth	Exhibit 3A
Cross Section Location Map	II II
(including wells)	Exhibit 3A
Cross Section (including Landing	
Zone)	Exhibit 3B
Additional Information	
Special Provisions/Stipulations	N/A
CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify	
that the information provided	
in this checklist is complete and	
accurate.	
Printed Name (Attorney or Party	
Representative):	James Bruce
Signed Name (Attorney or Party	James Prine
Representative):	
Date:	June 13, 2023