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

APPLICATION OF DEVON ENERGY PRODUCTION COMPANY, L.P. FOR COMPULSORY POOLING AND, VACATE ORDERS R-23021 AND R-23022 EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

CASE NO. 24283 ORDER NO. R-23213

#### **ORDER**

The Director of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("OCD"), having heard this matter through a Hearing Examiner on April 4, 2024, and after considering the testimony, evidence, and recommendation of the Hearing Examiner, issues the following Order.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On January 17, 2024, OCD issued Order R-23021 for case number 23910 to Devon Energy Production Company, L.P. ("Operator") to pool the uncommitted oil and gas interests within the specified spacing unit.
- 2. On January 17, 2024, OCD issued Order R-23022 for case number 23911 to Operator to pool the uncommitted oil and gas interests within the specified spacing unit.
- 3. Subsequent to the above Orders, Operator has revised its development plans and seeks to vacate Orders R-23021 and R-23022.
- 4. On April 4, 2024, Operator filed 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.
- 5. Operator will dedicate the well(s) described in Exhibit A ("Well(s)") to the Unit.
- 6. Operator proposes the supervision and risk charges for the Well(s) described in Exhibit A.
- 7. Operator identified the owners of uncommitted interests in oil and gas minerals in the Unit and provided evidence that notice was given.
- 8. 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**

- 9. OCD has jurisdiction to issue this Order pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 70-2-17.
- 10. Operator is the owner of an oil and gas working interest within the Unit.

- 11. Operator satisfied the notice requirements for the Application and the hearing as required by 19.15.4.12 NMAC.
- 12. OCD satisfied the notice requirements for the hearing as required by 19.15.4.9 NMAC.
- 13. 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.
- 14. The Unit contains separately owned uncommitted interests in oil and gas minerals.
- 15. Some of the owners of the uncommitted interests have not agreed to commit their interests to the Unit.
- 16. The pooling of uncommitted interests in the Unit will prevent waste and protect correlative rights, including the drilling of unnecessary wells.
- 17. 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.

#### **ORDER**

- 18. Order R-23021 is hereby vacated.
- 19. Order R-23022 is hereby vacated.
- 20. The uncommitted interests in the Unit are pooled as set forth in Exhibit A.
- 21. The Unit shall be dedicated to the Well(s) set forth in Exhibit A
- 22. Operator is designated as operator of the Unit and the Well(s).
- 23. 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.
- 24. 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.
- 25. 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.

- 26. This Order shall terminate automatically if Operator fails to comply with Paragraph 25 unless Operator obtains an extension by amending this Order for good cause shown.
- 27. The infill well requirements in 19.15.13.9 NMAC through 19.15.13.12 NMAC shall be applicable.
- 28. 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").
- 29. 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."
- 30. 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.
- 31. 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.
- 32. 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."
- 33. 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.

- 34. 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.
- 35. 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.
- 36. Operator shall distribute a proportionate share of the costs and charges withheld pursuant to paragraph 36 to each Pooled Working Interest that paid its share of the Estimated Well Costs.
- 37. 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.
- 38. 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.
- 39. 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.
- 40. 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.
- 41. OCD retains jurisdiction of this matter for the entry of such orders as may be deemed necessary.

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**Date:** 5/30/2024

DYLAN M. EUGE

**DIRECTOR (ACTING)** 

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### Exhibit A

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COMPULSORY POOLING APPLICATION CI	MPULSORY POOLING APPLICATION CHECKLIST		
ALL INFORMATION IN THE APPLICATION MUST BE SUPPORT	DRTED BY SIGNED AFFIDAVITS		
Case: 24283	APPLICANT'S RESPONSE		
Date: April 4, 2024 (Scheduled hearing)			
Applicant	Devon Energy Production Company, L.P.		
Designated Operator & OGRID (affiliation if applicable)	6137		
Applicant's Counsel:	Darin C. Savage, Abadie & Schill, P.C.		
Case Title:	APPLICATION OF DEVON ENERGY PRODUCTION COMPANY, L.P., FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO		
Entries of Appearance/Intervenors:			
Well Family	Burton Flat 3-1 Fed State Com		
Formation/Pool			
Formation Name(s) or Vertical Extent:	Upper Wolfcamp		
Primary Product (Oil or Gas):	Oil		
Pooling this vertical extent:	Upper Wolfcamp		
Pool Name and Pool Code:	WC Upper Wolfcamp East; Pool Code: 98315		
Well Location Setback Rules:	Statewide Rules		
Spacing Unit			
Type (Horizontal/Vertical)	Horizontal		
Size (Acres)	1,920-acre, more or less		
Building Blocks:	Quarter-Quarter Sections (40 Acre Blocks)		
Orientation:	West to East		
Description: TRS/County	Lots 9-16 and the S/2 (aka Units I through P) of Sections 1, 2, and 3, all in Township 21 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico		
Standard Horizontal Well Spacing Unit (Y/N), If No, describe <u>and is approval of non-standard unit requested in this application?</u>	No; non-standard unit covering Lots 9-16 and the S/2 (aka Units I through P) of Sections 1, 2, and 3, all in Township 21 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico; Devon has filed a separate application for administrative approval of the proposed non-standard spacing unit.		
Other Situations			
Depth Severance: Y/N. If yes, description	No, N/A		
Proximity Tracts: If yes, description	No		
Proximity Defining Well: if yes, description	No		
Applicant's Ownership in Each Tract	See Exhibit A-2, breakdown of ownership		
Well(s)  Name & API (if assigned), surface and bottom hole location, footages, completion target, orientation, completion status (standard or non-standard)	Add wells as needed		

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Received by OCD: 5/10/2024 11:19:19 AM Well #1	Burton Flat 3-1 Fed State Com 623H Well (API No. 30-015-
Aveil #T	54699), SHL: Lot 13, 2988' FSL, 150' FWL, Section 3, T21S-
	R27E; BHL: Lot 9, 3400' FNL, 20' FEL, Section 1, T21S-R27E,
	NMPM; Eddy County, New Mexico, laydown, standard
	location
Horizontal Well First and Last Take Points	Burton Flat 3-1 Fed State Com 623H Well: FTP: Lot 12,
	3400' FNL, 100' FWL, Section 3, T21S-R27E LTP: Lot 9,
	3400' FNL, 100' FEL, Section 1, T21S-R27E
Completion Target (Formation, TVD and MD)	Burton Flat 3-1 Fed State Com 623H Well: TVD approx.
	9115', TMD 24,395'; Wolfcamp formation, See Exhibit A,
	A-1 & B-3
Well #2	Burton Flat 3-1 Fed State Com 624H Well (API No. 30-015-
	54862), SHL: Unit L, 2126' FSL, 150' FWL, Section 3, T21S- R27E; BHL: Unit I, 2596' FSL, 20' FEL, Section 1, T21S-R27E,
	NMPM; Eddy County, New Mexico, laydown, standard
	location
Iorizontal Well First and Last Take Points	Burton Flat 3-1 Fed State Com 624H Well: FTP: Unit L,
	2596' FSL, 100' FWL, Section 3, T21S-R27E LTP: Unit I,
	2596' FSL, 100' FEL, Section 1, T21S-R27E
Completion Target (Formation, TVD and MD)	Burton Flat 3-1 Fed State Com 624H Well: TVD approx.
	9131', TMD 24,395'; Wolfcamp formation, See Exhibit A,
	A-1 & B-3
'ell #3	Burton Flat 3-1 Fed State Com 626H Well (API No. 30-015-
	54846), SHL: Unit M, 235' FSL, 205' FWL, Section 3, T21S-
	R27E; BHL: Unit P, 1096' FSL, 20' FEL, Section 1, T21S-
	R27E, NMPM; Eddy County, New Mexico, laydown,
	standard location
Horizontal Well First and Last Take Points	Burton Flat 3-1 Fed State Com 626H Well: FTP: Unit M,
	1096' FSL, 100' FWL, Section 3, T21S-R27E LTP: Unit P, 1096' FSL, 100' FEL, Section 1, T21S-R27E
ompletion Target (Formation, TVD and MD)	Burton Flat 3-1 Fed State Com 626H Well: TVD approx.
	9179', TMD 24,338'; Wolfcamp formation, See Exhibit A, A-1 & B-3
Vell #4	Burton Flat 3-1 Fed State Com 826H Well (API No. 30-015-
	54826), SHL: Unit M, 175' FSL, 205' FWL, Section 3, T21S-
	R27E; BHL: Unit P, 721' FSL, 20' FEL, Section 1, T21S-R27E,
	NMPM; Eddy County, New Mexico, laydown, standard
	location
Horizontal Well First and Last Take Points	Burton Flat 3-1 Fed State Com 826H Well: FTP: Unit M,
	721' FSL, 100' FWL, Section 3, T21S-R27E LTP: Unit P, 721'
	FSL, 100' FEL, Section 1, T21S-R27E
Completion Target (Formation, TVD and MD)	Burton Flat 3-1 Fed State Com 826H Well: TVD approx.
	9572', TMD 24,760'; Wolfcamp formation, See Exhibit A,
	A-1 & B-3
FE Capex and Operating Costs	
rilling Supervision/Month \$	\$8000, Exhibit A
Production Supervision/Month \$	\$800, Exhibit A
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equested Risk Charge	200%, Exhibit A

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Proposed Notice of Hearing	Exhibit C, C-1
Proof of Mailed Notice of Hearing (20 days before hearing)	Exhibit C-2
Proof of Published Notice of Hearing (10 days before hearing)	Exhibit C-3
Ownership Determination	
and Ownership Schematic of the Spacing Unit	Exhibit A-2
ract List (including lease numbers and owners)	Exhibit A-2
f approval of Non-Standard Spacing Unit is requested, Tract List (including lease numbers and owners) of Tracts subject to notice requirements.	N/A; Applicant applied separately for administrative approval of NSP
Pooled Parties (including ownership type)	All uncommitted WI owners; ORRI owners; and Record Title owners; including as shown on Exhibit A-2
Unlocatable Parties to be Pooled	Exhibit A, Para. 15
Ownership Depth Severance (including percentage above & below)	and the same of th
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Sample Copy of Proposal Letter	Exhibit A-3
st of Interest Owners (ie Exhibit A of JOA)	Exhibit A-2
hronology of Contact with Non-Joined Working Interests	Exhibit A-4
verhead Rates In Proposal Letter	Exhibit A-3
ost Estimate to Drill and Complete	Exhibit A-3
ost Estimate to Equip Well	Exhibit A-3
ost Estimate for Production Facilities	Exhibit A-3
eology	
ummary (including special considerations)	Exhibit B
pacing Unit Schematic	Exhibit B-1, B-2
unbarrel/Lateral Trajectory Schematic	Exhibit B-4, B-5
Vell Orientation (with rationale)	Exhibit B, B-1, B-2
arget Formation	Exhibit B-3, B-4, B-5
ISU Cross Section	Exhibit B-3, B-4, B-5
epth Severance Discussion	N/A
orms, Figures and Tables	
:-102	Exhibit A-1
racts	Exhibit A-2
ummary of Interests, Unit Recapitulation (Tracts)	Exhibit A-2
eneral Location Map (including basin)	Exhibit A-2
Vell Bore Location Map	Exhibit A-1, B-1, B-2, B-4
tructure Contour Map - Subsea Depth	Exhibit B-1
ross Section Location Map (including wells)	Exhibit B-3, B-4, B-5
Cross Section (including Landing Zone)  Additional Information	Exhibit B-3, B-4, B-5
Special Provisions/Stipulations	

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the information provided in this checklist is complete and accurate.

Darin C. Savage /s/ Darin Savage

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**Printed Name** (Attorney or Party Representative):

Signed Name (Attorney or Party Representative):

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