BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

APPLICATION OF MATADOR PRODUCTION COMPANY FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

Case No.

APPLICATION

Matador Production Company applies for an order pooling all mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying a horizontal spacing unit comprised of the E/2W/2 of Section 3 and the E/2W/2 of Section 10, Township 22 South, Range 32 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico, and in support thereof, states:

1. Applicant is an operator in the E/2W/2 of Section 3 and the E/2W/2 of Section 10, and has the right to drill a well thereon.

2. Applicant proposes to drill the Nina Cortell Fed. Com. Well Nos. 126H, 132H, and 112H, with first take points in the NE/4NW/4 of Section 3 and last take points in the SE/4SW/4 of Section 10.

3. Applicant has in good faith sought to obtain the voluntary joinder of all other mineral interest owners in the E/2W/2 of Section 3 and the E/2W/2 of Section 10 for the purposes set forth herein.

4. Although applicant attempted to obtain voluntary agreements from all mineral interest owners to participate in the drilling of the wells or to otherwise commit their interests to the wells, certain interest owners have failed or refused to join in dedicating their interests. Therefore, applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interest owners in the Bone Spring formation underlying the E/2W/2 of Section 3 and the E/2W/2 of Section 10, pursuant to NMSA 1978 §70-2-17.

5. The pooling of all mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying the E/2W/2 of Section 3 and the E/2W/2 of Section 10 will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste, and protect correlative rights.

WHEREFORE, applicant requests that, after notice and hearing, the Division enter its order:

A. Pooling all mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying the E/2W/2 of Section 3 and the E/2W/2 of Section 10;

B. Designating applicant as operator of the wells;

C. Considering the cost of drilling and completing the wells, and allocating the cost thereof among the wells' working interest owners;

D. Approving actual operating charges and costs charged for supervision, together with a provision adjusting the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedure; and

E. Setting a 200% charge for the risk involved in drilling and completing the wells in the event a working interest owner elects not to participate in the wells.

Respectfully submitted,

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