

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

**APPLICATION FOR SURFACE COMMINGLING  
SUBMITTED BY XTO ENERGY, INC**

**ORDER NO. CTB-1177**

**ORDER**

The Director of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (“OCD”), having considered the application and the recommendation of the OCD Engineering Bureau, issues the following Order.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. (“Applicant”) submitted a complete application to surface commingle the gas production recovered using vapor recovery units (“VRU gas”) from the pools, leases, and wells as described in Exhibit A (“Application”).
2. Applicant proposed a method to allocate the VRU gas production to the pools, leases, and wells to be commingled based upon measuring the oil production from each pool, lease, and well.
3. Applicant provided notice of the Application to all persons owning an interest in the VRU gas production to be commingled, including the owners of royalty and overriding royalty interests, regardless of whether they have a right or option to take their interests in kind, and those persons either submitted a written waiver or did not file an objection to the Application.
4. Applicant provided notice of the Application to the Bureau of Land Management (“BLM”) or New Mexico State Land Office (“NMSLO”), as applicable.
5. Applicant in the notice for the Application stated that it sought authorization to prospectively include additional pools, leases, and wells in accordance with 19.15.12.10 C.(4)(g) NMAC.
6. Applicant stated that it sought authorization to surface commingle and off-lease measure, as applicable, VRU gas production from wells which have not yet been approved to be drilled, but will produce from a pool and lease as described in Exhibit A.
7. **[Associated Order]** This Order is associated with Order PLC-692 which authorizes in-full or in-part the commingling of Oil and Gas production from the pools, leases, and wells as described in Exhibit A.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

8. OCD has jurisdiction to issue this Order pursuant to the Oil and Gas Act, NMSA 1978, §§ 70-2-6, 70-2-11, 70-2-12, 70-2-16, and 70-2-17, 19.15.12. NMAC, and 19.15.23. NMAC.

9. Applicant satisfied the notice requirements for the Application in accordance with 19.15.12.10 A.(2) NMAC, 19.15.12.10 C.(4)(c) NMAC, and 19.15.12.10 C.(4)(e) NMAC, as applicable.
10. Applicant satisfied the notice requirements for the Application in accordance with 19.15.23.9 A.(5) NMAC and 19.15.23.9 A.(6) NMAC, as applicable.
11. Applicant's proposed method of allocation, as modified herein, complies with 19.15.12.10 B.(1) NMAC or 19.15.12.10 C.(1) NMAC, as applicable.
12. Commingling of VRU gas production from state, federal, or tribal leases shall not commence until approved by the BLM or NMSLO, as applicable, in accordance with 19.15.12.10 B.(3) NMAC and 19.15.12.10 C.(4)(h) NMAC.
13. Applicant satisfied the notice requirements for the subsequent addition of pools, leases, and wells in the notice for the Application, in accordance with 19.15.12.10 C.(4)(g) NMAC. Subsequent additions of pools, leases, and wells within Applicant's defined parameters, as modified herein, will not, in reasonable probability, reduce the commingled production's value or otherwise adversely affect the interest owners in the production to be added.
14. By granting the Application with the conditions specified below, this Order prevents waste and protects correlative rights, public health, and the environment.

### **ORDER**

1. Applicant is authorized to surface commingle VRU gas production from the pools, leases, and wells as described in Exhibit A.

Applicant is authorized to store and measure VRU gas production off-lease from the pools, leases, and wells as described in Exhibit A at a central tank battery or gas title transfer meter described in Exhibit A.

Applicant is authorized to surface commingle VRU gas production from wells not included in Exhibit A but that produce from a pool and lease as described in Exhibit A.

Applicant is authorized to store and measure VRU gas production off-lease from wells not included in Exhibit A but that produce from a pool and lease as described in Exhibit A at a central tank battery or gas title transfer meter described in Exhibit A.

2. The allocation of VRU gas production to wells not included in Exhibit A but that produce from a pool and lease as described in Exhibit A shall be determined in the same manner as to wells identified in Exhibit A that produce from that pool and lease, provided that if more than one allocation method is being used or if there are no wells identified in Exhibit A that produce from the pool and lease, then allocation of VRU gas production to each well not included in Exhibit A shall be determined by OCD prior to commingling production from it with the production from another well.

3. The allocation of VRU gas production shall be based on the production life of each well as measured for three periods: (a) the initial production period shall be measured from the first production until the earlier of either the peak production rate or thirty (30) days after the first production; (b) the plateau period shall be measured from the end of the initial production period to the peak decline rate; and (c) the decline period shall be measured from the end of the plateau period until the well is plugged and abandoned.

During the initial production period, the VRU gas production for each well identified in Exhibit A shall be allocated using an oil production curve calculated from a minimum of ten (10) well tests per month, except that any day in which a well test cannot achieve an accurate result due to a temporary change in oil production shall not be included in the computation of time determining the well test schedule. The production curve shall be calculated by interpolating daily oil production for each day using the known daily oil production obtained by well tests and shall use a method of interpolation that is at minimum as accurate as maintaining a constant rate of change for each day's oil production between the known daily oil production values.

During the plateau period, the VRU gas production for each well identified in Exhibit A shall be allocated using a minimum of three (3) well tests per month.

During the decline period, the VRU gas production for each well identified in Exhibit A shall be allocated as follows: (a) a minimum of three (3) well tests per month when the decline rate is greater than twenty-two percent (22%) per month; (b) a minimum of two (2) well tests per month when the decline rate is between twenty-two percent (22%) and ten percent (10%) per month; and (c) a minimum of one (1) well test per month when the decline rate is less than ten percent (10%) per month.

Upon OCD's request, Applicant shall submit a Form C-103 to the OCD Engineering Bureau that contains the decline rate curve and other relevant information demonstrating the production life of a well.

Applicant shall conduct a well test by separating and metering the oil production from that well for either (a) a minimum of twenty-four (24) consecutive hours; or (b) a combination of nonconsecutive periods that meet the following conditions: (i) each period shall be a minimum of six (6) hours; and (ii) the total duration of the nonconsecutive periods shall be a minimum of eighteen (18) hours.

The well test requirements of this Order shall be suspended for any well shut-in for a period that continues for more than fifteen (15) days until the well commences production.

4. Applicant shall measure and market the commingled gas at a well pad, central delivery point, central tank battery, or gas title transfer meter described in Exhibit A in accordance with this Order and 19.15.19.9. NMAC, provided however that if the gas is vented or flared, and regardless of the reason or authorization pursuant to 19.15.28.8 B. NMAC for such venting

or flaring, Applicant shall measure or estimate the gas in accordance with 19.15.28.8 E. NMAC.

5. Applicant shall calibrate the meters used to measure or allocate oil production in accordance with 19.15.12.10 C.(2) NMAC.
6. If the commingling of VRU gas production from any pool, lease, or well reduces the value of the commingled VRU gas production to less than if it had remained segregated, no later than sixty (60) days after the decrease in value has occurred Applicant shall submit a new surface commingling application to OCD to amend this Order to remove the pool, lease, or well whose VRU gas production caused the decrease in value. If Applicant fails to submit a new application, this Order shall terminate on the following day, and if OCD denies the application, this Order shall terminate on the date of such action.
7. Applicant may submit an application to amend this Order to add pools, leases, and subsequently drilled wells with spacing units adjacent to or within the tracts commingled by this Order by submitting a Form C-107-B in accordance with 19.15.12.10 C.(4)(g) NMAC, provided the pools, leases, and subsequently drilled wells are within the identified parameters included in the Application.
8. If a well is not included in Exhibit A but produces from a pool and lease as described in Exhibit A, then Applicant shall submit Forms C-102 and C-103 to the OCD Engineering Bureau after the well has been approved to be drilled and prior to off-lease measuring or commingling oil or gas production from it with the production from another well. The Form C-103 shall reference this Order and identify the well, proposed method to determine the allocation of VRU gas production to it, and the location(s) that commingling of its production will occur.
9. Applicant shall not commence commingling oil or gas production from state, federal, or tribal leases until approved by the BLM or NMSLO, as applicable.
10. If OCD determines that Applicant has failed to comply with any provision of this Order, OCD may take any action authorized by the Oil and Gas Act or the New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC).
11. OCD retains jurisdiction of this matter and reserves the right to modify or revoke this Order as it deems necessary.

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**



**ALBERT C. S. CHANG  
DIRECTOR**

**DATE:** 12/10/2025

State of New Mexico  
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

## Exhibit A

Order: **CTB-1177**

Operator: **XTO Energy, Inc (5380)**

Central Tank Battery: **Ross Draw 30 31 Central Tank Battery (VRU Gas Only)**

Central Tank Battery Location: **Lot 5, Section 31, Township 26 South, Range 30 East**

Gas Title Transfer Meter Location: **Lot 5, Section 31, Township 26 South, Range 30 East**

### Pools

Pool Name	Pool Code
<b>PURPLE SAGE;WOLFCAMP (GAS)</b>	<b>98220</b>

### Leases as defined in 19.15.12.7(C) NMAC

Lease	UL or Q/Q	S-T-R
CA Wolfcamp NMNM 105677276 (139739)	E2	19-26S-30E
	E2	30-26S-30E
	NE	31-26S-30E
CA Wolfcamp NMNM 105689531 (139998)	W2	30-26S-30E
	NW4	31-26S-30E
SLO Lease VB-2602-0003	N2	32-26S-30E

### Wells

Well API	Well Name	UL or Q/Q	S-T-R	Pool
30-015-44446	ROSS DRAW 3031 FEDERAL COM #001H	W2	30-26S-30E	98220
		NW4	31-26S-30E	
30-015-45121	ROSS DRAW 31 FEDERAL WAL COM #006H	E2	19-26S-30E	98220
		E2	30-26S-30E	
		N2NE	31-26S-30E	
30-015-47369	CHEESECAKE 32 FEDERAL #121H	N2	32-26S-30E	98220

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CONDITIONS

Action 534907

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