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

APPLICATION OF DEVON ENERGY PRODUCTION COMPANY, L.P. FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

<b>CASE</b>	NO.	

## **APPLICATION**

Devon Energy Production Company, L.P. ("Devon" or "Applicant") (OGRID No. 6137), through its undersigned attorneys, hereby files this application with the Oil Conservation Division pursuant to the provisions of NMSA 1978, § 70-2-17, for an order pooling all uncommitted interests in Bone Spring formation underlying a 800-acre standard horizontal spacing unit comprised of the E/2 of Section 19, the E/2 of Section 30, and the NE/4 of Section 31, Township 23 South, Range 30 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico. In support of this application, Devon states:

- 1. Applicant is a working interest owner in the proposed horizontal spacing unit and has the right to drill thereon.
- 2. Applicant seeks to dedicate the above-referenced horizontal spacing unit to the following proposed wells:
  - The Yukon Gold 31-39 Fed Com #211H well to be horizontally drilled from a surface hole location in the SE/4 NE/4 (Unit H) of Section 31 to a bottom hole location in the NW/4 NE/4 (Unit B) of Section 19.

- The Yukon Gold 31-39 Fed Com #212H well, the Yukon Gold 31-39 Fed Com #213H well, and the Yukon Gold 31-39 Fed Com #333H well, each of which will be horizontally drilled from surface hole locations in the SE/4 NE/4 (Unit H) of Section 31 to a bottom hole location in the NE/4 NE/4 (Unit A) of Section 19.
- 3. The completed interval for the **Yukon Gold 31-39 Fed Com #212H well** will remain within 330 feet of the W/2 E/2 of Sections 19 and 30, and the W/2 NE/4 of Section 31 to allow inclusion of these proximity tracts in a standard 800-acre horizontal well spacing unit.
- 4. Applicant has sought and been unable to obtain voluntary agreement for the development of these lands from all the interest owners in the subject spacing unit.
- 5. The pooling of interests in the proposed horizontal well spacing unit will avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, will prevent waste, and will protect correlative rights.
- 6. In order to permit Applicant to obtain it's just and fair share of the oil and gas underlying the subject lands, all uncommitted interests in this horizontal spacing unit should be pooled and Applicant should be designated the operator of this proposed horizontal wells and spacing unit.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on May 14, 2020, and, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order:

- A. Pooling all uncommitted interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying the proposed horizontal spacing unit;
- B. Approving the initial wells in the horizontal well spacing unit;

- C. Designating Applicant as the operator of the horizontal spacing unit and the wells to be drilled thereon;
- D. Authorizing Applicant to recover its costs of drilling, equipping and completing the wells;
- E. Approving the actual operating charges and costs of supervision while drilling and after completion, together with a provision adjusting the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedures; and
- G. Imposing a 200% charge for the risk assumed by Applicant in drilling and completing the well against any working interest owner who does not voluntarily participate in the drilling of the wells.

Respectfully submitted,

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