

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

**APPLICATION OF COLGATE OPERATING, LLC
FOR COMPULSORY POOLING,
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

CASE NO. _____

APPLICATION

Colgate Operating, LLC (“Colgate”), OGRID Number 371449, through its undersigned attorneys, hereby makes an application to the Oil Conservation Division pursuant to the provisions of NMSA (1978), Section 70-2-17, for an order pooling all uncommitted mineral interests within a Bone Spring horizontal spacing unit underlying the S/2 NW/4 equivalent of irregular Section 18, Township 19 South, Range 29 East and the S/2 N/2 of Section 13, Township 19 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico. In support of this application, Colgate states as follows:

1. Colgate is an interest owner in the subject lands and has a right to drill a well thereon.
2. Colgate seeks to dedicate the S/2 NW/4 equivalent of irregular Section 18, Township 19 South, Range 29 East and the S/2 N/2 of Section 13, Township 19 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico to form a 233-acre, more or less, Bone Spring horizontal spacing unit.
3. Colgate plans to drill the following horizontal wells in a westerly direction to a depth sufficient to test the Bone Spring formation:
 - a. The **Atlas 18 State Fed Com 122H** well is a horizontal well with a surface location in the NE/4 NW/4 (Unit C) of irregular Section 18, Township 19 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Eddy County, and an intended bottom hole location in the SW/4 NW/4 (Unit E) of Section 13, Township 19 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County. This well is proposed to be drilled vertically to a depth of approximately 7,500’ to the Bone Spring formation.

b. The **Atlas 18 State Fed Com 132H** well is a horizontal well with a surface location in the NE/4 NW/4 (Unit C) of irregular Section 18, Township 19 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Eddy County, and an intended bottom hole location in the SW/4 NW/4 (Unit E) of Section 13, Township 19 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County. This well is proposed to be drilled vertically to a depth of approximately 8,600' to the Bone Spring formation.

4. These wells will be located within the Scanlon Draw; Bone Spring Pool (Pool code 55510) and will comply with the Division's statewide setback requirements.

5. Colgate sought, but has been unable to obtain, a voluntary agreement from all interest owners in the Bone Spring formation underlying the proposed spacing unit to participate in the drilling of the wells or to otherwise commit their interests to the wells.

6. The creation of a horizontal spacing unit and the pooling of all interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying the proposed unit will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

WHEREFORE, Colgate requests that this case is set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on June 11, 2020, and after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter its order:

A. Creating an approximated 233-acre horizontal spacing unit in the Bone Spring formation comprised of S/2 NW/4 equivalent of irregular Section 18, Township 19 South, Range 29 East and the S/2 N/2 of Section 13, Township 19 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico;

B. Pooling all mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying a horizontal spacing unit within the S/2 NW/4 equivalent of irregular Section 18, Township 19 South, Range 29 East and the S/2 N/2 of Section 13, Township 19 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico;

- C. Designating Colgate as operator of this unit and the wells to be drilled thereon;
- D. Authorizing Colgate to recover its costs of drilling, completing and equipping the wells;
- E. Approving actual operating charges and costs charged for supervision, together with a provision adjusting the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedure;
- F. 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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Application of Colgate Operating, LLC for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Applicant seeks an order from the Division: (1) to the extent necessary, approving the creation of a 233-acre, more or less, Bone Spring horizontal spacing unit; and, (2) pooling all uncommitted mineral interests within a Bone Spring horizontal spacing unit underlying the S/2 NW/4 equivalent of irregular Section 18, Township 19 South, Range 29 East and the S/2 N/2 of Section 13, Township 19 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico. This spacing unit will be dedicated to the **Atlas 18 State Fed Com 122H** and **132H** wells, to be horizontally drilled. The producing intervals for these wells will be orthodox. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling, completing and equipping said wells, the allocation of these costs as well as the actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of Colgate as operator of the wells, and a 200% charge for risk involved in drilling said wells. Said area is located approximately 16.5 miles north northeast of Carlsbad, New Mexico.