

**BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
EXAMINER HEARING SEPTEMBER 9, 2021**

CASE No. 22138

ALPHA 183533 #1H WELL

LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO



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APPLICATION

Catena Resources Operating, LLC (“Applicant” or “Catena”) (OGRID No. 328449), through its undersigned attorneys, hereby files this application with the Oil Conservation Division, to amend Order No. R-21434 (“Order”) to allow for an extension of time for drilling the proposed initial well under the Order. In support of its application, Catena states:

1. Division Order No. R-21434, entered on August 18, 2020, in Case No. 21353, created a standard 480-acre, more or less, horizontal spacing unit comprised of the SW/4 of Section 33, Township 18 South, Range 35 East, and the W/2 of Section 4, Township 19 South, Range 35 East, Lea County, New Mexico (the “Unit”), and designated Catena as operator of the Unit.

2. Order No. R-21434 further pooled the uncommitted interests in the Wolfcamp formation (Scharb; Wolfcamp pool [55640]) in the Unit and dedicated the Unit to the proposed initial **Alpha 183533 #1H well** (API No. 30-025-pending) to be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the NW/4 SW/4 (Unit L) of Section 33 to a bottom hole location in the SW/4 SW/4 (Unit M) of Section 4.

3. Applicant requests that Order No. R-21434 be re-opened and amended to allow Applicant additional time to commence drilling the well under the Order.

4. There is good cause for Applicant’s request for an extension of time to drill due to the change in ownership and management of Catena during 2020. Additionally, the decline in

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commodity prices in 2020 caused by the global COVID pandemic and other economic factors led to Catena reducing its rig count, thereby causing Catena to delay its intended plans to develop the acreage subject to the Order.

5. Under the Order, Applicant would be required to commence drilling the well by August 18, 2021, and therefore, asks for the deadline to commence drilling the well be extended for a year, to **August 18, 2022**.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on September 9, 2021, and, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order extending the time for Catena to commence drilling the proposed initial well under the Order.

Respectfully submitted,

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AFFIDAVIT OF CATO CLARK

Cato Clark, of lawful age and being first duly sworn, declares as follows:

1. My name is Cato Clark. I am a landman for Catena Resources Operating, LLC (“Catena”).
2. I have previously testified before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division as an expert witness in petroleum land matters. My credentials as a petroleum land manager have been accepted by the Division and made a matter of record.
3. I am familiar with the application filed by Catena in this case, and I am familiar with the status of the lands in the subject area.
4. None of the pooled parties has indicated opposition to this extension application, and therefore I do not expect any opposition at the hearing
5. Division Order No. R-21434, entered on August 18, 2020, in Case No. 21353, created a standard 480-acre, more or less, horizontal spacing unit comprised of the SW/4 of Section 33, Township 18 South, Range 35 East, and the W/2 of Section 4, Township 19 South, Range 35 East, Lea County, New Mexico, (the “Unit”), and designated Catena as operator of the Unit.
6. Order No. R-21434 further pooled the uncommitted interests in the Wolfcamp formation (Scharb; Wolfcamp pool [55640]) in the Unit and dedicated the Unit to the proposed

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initial Alpha 183533 #1H well (API No. 30-025-pending) to be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the NW/4 SW/4 (Unit L) of Section 33 to a bottom hole location in the SW/4 SW/4 (Unit M) of Section 4.

7. Catena's change in management, as well as the decline in commodity prices in 2020 caused by the global COVID-19 pandemic and other economic factors, led Catena to delay its intended plans to develop the acreage subject to the Order.

8. The Order required drilling to commence within a year, by August 18, 2021.

9. Catena has not yet commenced drilling the well as required by Order No. R-21433 but anticipates drilling within the next year.

10. Catena therefore requests that the deadline to commence drilling under the pooling order be extended for a year, to August 18, 2022.

11. Catena provided our outside counsel, Holland and Hart, with a list of the working interest owners that remain subject to each pooling order and instructed them to provide notice of this hearing to these pooled working interest owners.

12. None of the working interest owners that remain subject to these pooling orders have been asked at this time to make an election on the applicable well, or to pay their estimated share of the costs to drill, complete and equip the applicable well.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.



CATO CLARK

STATE OF TEXAS)
)
COUNTY OF Harris)

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this 2nd day of September 2021 by
Cato Clark.



NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

6-21-25





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August 20, 2021

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL
CERTIFIED RECEIPT REQUESTED

TO: ALL INTEREST OWNERS SUBJECT TO POOLING PROCEEDINGS

Re: Application of Catena Resources Operating, LLC to Amend Order No. R-21434, Lea County, New Mexico.
Alpha 183533 #1H well

Ladies & Gentlemen:

This letter is to advise you that Catena Resources Operating, LLC, has filed the enclosed application with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division.

During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, state buildings are closed to the public and hearings will be conducted remotely. The hearing will be conducted on September 9, 2021, beginning at 8:15 a.m. To participate in the electronic hearing, see the instructions posted on the OCD Hearings website: <http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/OCD/announcements.html>.

You are not required to attend this hearing, but as an owner of an interest that may be affected by this application, you may appear and present testimony. Failure to appear at that time and become a party of record will preclude you from challenging the matter at a later date. Parties appearing in cases are required by Division Rule 19.15.4.13.B to file a Pre-hearing Statement four business days in advance of a scheduled hearing. This statement must be filed either online or in person at the Division's Santa Fe office and should include: the names of the parties and their attorneys; a concise statement of the case; the names of all witnesses the party will call to testify at the hearing; the approximate time the party will need to present its case; and identification of any procedural matters that are to be resolved prior to the hearing.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact Cato Clark at (346) 200-7894 or at clark@catenares.com.

Sincerely,

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