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## SELF-AFFIRMED STATEMENT OF JERRY GAHR

- 1. I am the President and Chief Operating Officer of V-F Petroleum Inc. ("V-F Petroleum") and am over 18 years of age. I have personal knowledge of the matters addressed herein and am competent to provide this Self-Affirmed Statement. I have previously testified before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division") and my qualifications as an expert in petroleum land matters were accepted and made a matter of record.
- 2. I am familiar with the application in the above-referenced case and the land matters involved. Copies of the application and proposed hearing notice are attached hereto as **Exhibit A-1**.
- 3. None of the affected parties in this case indicated opposition to this matter proceeding by affidavit, therefore I do not expect any opposition at hearing.
- 1. V-F Petroleum seeks an order approving a 160-acre, more or less, non-standard spacing and proration unit ("Unit") comprised of the NE/4 of Section 7, Township 15 South, Range 38 East, Lea County, New Mexico.
- 4. V-F Petroleum controls 100% of the working interest in the proposed Unit and has the right to drill thereon.
- 5. V-F Petroleum proposes to dedicate the Unit to its DMT 7 Fee #2 well ("Well") which has been vertically drilled from a surface hole location 1,200 FNL and 1,300 FEL in Section

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Exhibit A

7 (Unit A) to a depth sufficient to test the Denton; Wolfcamp pool (Pool Code 17290) within the Wolfcamp formation. This pool requires 40-acre spacing with wells to be located no closer than 330 feet to a quarter-quarter section line.

- 6. The Well is currently dedicated to a 40-acre unit comprised of the NE/4NE/4 of Section 7.
- 7. On April 11, 2018, The Division issued NSL-7688 approving the Well's non-standard location.
- 8. V-F Petroleum seeks approval of a 160-acre non-standard spacing and proration unit comprised of the NE/4 of Section 7 so that all quarter-quarter sections that will be affected by the well are included within the Unit. Accordingly, V-F Petroleum seeks to include the W/2NE/4 and SE/4NE/4 of Section 7 in the Unit. The location of the well will be orthodox within the proposed Unit.
  - 9. Exhibit A-2 contains the C-102 for the Well.
- 10. **Exhibit A-3** contains a plat of the Unit identifying the Unit boundary area, the unit boundary area of a standard spacing unit for the subject pool, the proposed well dedication, and all offsetting spacing units. This exhibit also shows that 100% of the unit interest is held by V-F Petroleum.
- 11. V-F Petroleum owns 100% of the mineral interests within the acreage dedicated to the proposed Unit. Consequently, there are no adversely affected offset interests in the NE/4 of Section 7 within the Wolfcamp formation since working interest, royalty interest, and overriding royalty interest ownership is common in all offsetting quarter-quarter sections.
- 12. V-F Petroleum has conducted a diligent search of all public records in Lea County including phone directories and computer databases.

13. Notice of V-F Petroleum's application and the Division hearing was timely provided to all affected parties by certified mail more than 20 days prior to the hearing date. A sample of the notice letter and associated green card is attached as **Exhibit A-4**.

14. Notice of V-F Petroleum's application and the Division hearing was published more than ten business days prior to the hearing date. The affidavit of publication is attached as **Exhibit A-5**.

15. The exhibits attached hereto were either prepared by me or under my supervision or were compiled from company business records.

16. In my opinion, the granting of V-F Petroleum's application would serve the interests of conservation, the protection of correlative rights, and the prevention of waste.

17. I understand this Self-Affirmed Statement will be used as written testimony in this case. I affirm my testimony in paragraphs 1 through 16 above is true and correct and is made under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of New Mexico. My testimony is made as of the date handwritten next to my signature below.

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Jerry Gahr	Date	

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#### **APPLICATION**

V-F Petroleum Inc. ("V-F Petroleum"), by and through the undersigned counsel, files this application with the Oil Conservation Division pursuant to NMSA 1978, § 70-2-17 and NMAC 19.15.15.11, for an order approving a 160-acre, more or less, non-standard spacing and proration unit ("Unit") comprised of the NE/4 of Section 7, Township 15 South, Range 38 East, Lea County, New Mexico. In support of its application, V-F Petroleum states the following:

- 1. V-F Petroleum (OGRID No. 24010) owns 100% of the working interest in the proposed Unit and has the right to drill thereon.
- 2. V-F Petroleum proposes to dedicate the Unit to its DMT 7 Fee #2 well ("Well") which has been vertically drilled from a surface hole location 1,200 FNL and 1,300 FEL in Section 7 (Unit A) to a depth sufficient to test the Denton; Wolfcamp pool (Pool Code 17290) within the Wolfcamp formation. This pool requires 40-acre spacing with wells to be located no closer than 330 feet to a quarter-quarter section line.
- 3. The Well is currently dedicated to a 40-acre unit comprised of the NE/4NE/4 of Section 7.
- 4. The location of the Well is currently unorthodox to allow it to be drilled at a geologically preferred location for the maximum recovery of hydrocarbons and to prevent waste. The unorthodox location was approved by Administrative Order NSL-7688.

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**Exhibit A-1** 

- 5. Applicant seeks approval of a 160-acre non-standard spacing and proration unit comprised of the NE/4 of Section 7 so that all quarter-quarter sections that will be affected by the well are included within the Unit. Accordingly, V-F Petroleum seeks to include the W/2NE/4 and SE/4NE/4 of Section 7 in the Unit. The location of the well will be orthodox within the proposed Unit.
- 6. The approval of the Unit will avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste, and protect correlative rights.
- 7. In order to permit V-F Petroleum to obtain its just and fair share of the oil and gas underlying the subject lands, the Unit should be approved and V-F Petroleum should be designated the operator of the proposed well and spacing unit.

WHEREFORE, V-F Petroleum requests this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on November 4, 2021, and, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order:

- A. approving a 160-acre, more or less, non-standard spacing and proration unit comprised of the NE/4 of Section 7, Township 15 South, Range 38 East; and
- B. designating V-F Petroleum as operator of the non-standard spacing unit and the Well to be drilled thereon.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Application V-F Petroleum Inc. for Approval of a Non-Standard Spacing and Proration Unit, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant applies for an order approving a 160-acre, more or less, non-standard spacing and proration unit ("Unit") comprised of the NE/4 of Section 7, Township 15 South, Range 38 East, Lea County, New Mexico. V-F Petroleum proposes to dedicate the Unit to its DMT 7 Fee #2 well ("Well") which has been vertically drilled from a surface hole location 1,200 FNL and 1,300 FEL in Section 7 (Unit A) to a depth sufficient to test the Denton; Wolfcamp pool (Pool Code 17290) within the Wolfcamp formation. This pool requires 40-acre spacing with wells to be located no closer than 330 feet to a quarter-quarter section line. The Well is currently dedicated to a 40-acre unit comprised of the NE/4NE/4 of Section 7. The location of the Well is currently unorthodox to allow it to be drilled at a geologically preferred location for the maximum recovery of hydrocarbons and to prevent waste. The unorthodox location was approved by Administrative Order NSL-7688. Applicant seeks approval of a 160acre non-standard spacing and proration unit comprised of the NE/4 of Section 7 so that all quarterquarter sections that will be affected by the well are included within the Unit. Accordingly, V-F Petroleum seeks to include the W/2NE/4 and SE/4NE/4 of Section 7 in the Unit. The location of the well will be orthodox within the proposed Unit. The Well is located approximately 12 miles northeast of Lovington, New Mexico.

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### TO ALL OFFSET OPERATORS SUBJECT TO NOTICE

Case No. 22285 - Application of V-F Petroleum Inc. for Approval of a Non-Re: Standard Spacing and Proration Unit, Lea County, New Mexico.

To whom it may concern:

This letter is to advise you that V-F Petroleum Inc. filed the enclosed application with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division. The hearing will be conducted on November 4, 2021 beginning at 8:15 a.m. Stanolind Permian LLC has been identified as an offset operator subject to hearing notice.

During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, state buildings are closed to the public and hearings will be conducted remotely. To participate in the electronic hearing, see the instructions posted on the OCD Hearings website: https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/ocd/hearing-info/. 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.

Pursuant to Division Rule 19.15.4.13.B, a party who intends to present evidence at the hearing shall file a pre-hearing statement and serve copies on other parties, or the attorneys of parties who are represented by counsel, at least four business days in advance of a scheduled hearing, but in no event later than 5:00 p.m. mountain time, on the Thursday preceding the scheduled hearing date. The statement must be filed at the Division's Santa Fe office or submitted through the OCD E-Permitting system (https://wwwapps.emnrd.state.nm.us/ocd/ocdpermitting/) 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.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ Dana S. Hardy

Dana S. Hardy

Enclosure

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#### LEGAL NOTICE October 14, 2021

This is to notify all interested parties, including Stanolind Permian LLC, and their successors and assigns, that the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division will conduct a hearing on an application submitted by V-F Petroleum Inc. (Case No. 22285). 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 November 4, 2021 beginning at 8:15 a.m. To participate in the electronic hearing, see the instructions posted on the docket for the hearing date: <a href="http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/OCD/hearings.html">http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/OCD/hearings.html</a>. Applicant applies for an order approving a 160-acre, more or less, non-standard spacing and proration unit ("Unit") comprised of the NE/4 of Section 7, Township 15 South, Range 38 East, Lea County, New Mexico. V-F Petroleum proposes to dedicate the Unit to its DMT 7 Fee #2 well ("Well") which has been vertically drilled from a well ("Well") which has been vertically drilled from a surface hole location 1,200 FNL and 1,300 FEL in Section 7 (Unit A) to a depth sufficient to test the Denton; Wolfcamp pool (Pool Code 17290) within the Wolfcamp formation. This pool requires 40-acre spacing with wells to be located no closer than 330 feet to a quarter-quarter section line. The Well is currently dedicated to a 40-acre unit comprised of the NE/4NE/4 of Section 7. The location of the Well is currently unorthodox to allow it to be drilled at a geologically preferred location for the maximum recovery of hydrocarbons and to prevent waste. The unorthodox location was approved by Administrative Order NSL-7688. Applicant seeks approval of a 160-acre non-standard spacing and proration unit comprised of the NE/4 of Section 7 so that all quarter-quarter sections that will be affected by the well are included within the Unit. Accordingly, V-F Petroleum seeks to include the W/2NE/4 and SE/4NE/4 of Section 7 in the Unit. The location of the well will be orthodox within the proposed Unit. The Well is located approximately 12 miles northeast spacing with wells to be located no closer than 330 The Well is located approximately 12 miles northeast of Lovington, New Mexico.

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Exhibit A-5

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## SELF-AFFIRMED STATEMENT OF DALE LUBINSKI

- 1. I am a geologist at V-F Petroleum Inc. ("V-F Petroleum") and am over 18 years of age. I have personal knowledge of the matters addressed herein and am competent to provide this Self-Affirmed Statement. I have previously testified before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division"), and my credentials as an expert in petroleum geology matters were accepted and made a matter of record.
  - 2. I am familiar with the geological matters pertaining to the above-referenced case.
- 3. **Exhibit B-1** is a location map of the proposed non-standard spacing and proration unit ("Unit") that shows the proposed DMT 7 Fee #2 well ("Well") as a black square. This map also depicts the boundaries of the offsetting spacing units. Offset Wolfcamp producers are shown as blue diamonds. This exhibit also identifies 6 wells penetrating the targeted interval used to construct a structural cross-section from A to A'.
- 4. **Exhibit B-2** is a structure map for the top of the Wolfcamp formation. The map identifies the Well and offset Wolfcamp producers. The map demonstrates the formation is dipping to the southeast in this area. I do not observe any faulting, pinch-outs, or geologic impediments to developing the targeted intervals with horizontal wells.
- 5. **Exhibit B-3** is a structural cross-section using the representative wells identified on **Exhibit B-1**. I utilized these well logs because they penetrate the targeted interval, are of good

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quality, and are representative of the geology in the area. The well logs contain gamma ray, resistivity and porosity logs. The landing zone for the Well is labeled on the exhibit. The cross-section demonstrates the target interval is continuous across the Unit.

- 6. Based on my geologic study of the area, the targeted interval underlying the subject area and Unit is suitable for development by vertical wells and the tracts comprising the Unit will contribute more or less equally to the production of the Well.
- 7. V-F Petroleum's Unit is necessary to allow the well to be drilled at a geologically preferred location which will allow the maximum recovery of hydrocarbons and prevent waste.
- 8. In my opinion, the granting of V-F Petroleum's application will serve the interests of conservation, the protection of correlative rights, and the prevention of waste.
- 9. The exhibits attached hereto were either prepared by me or under my supervision or were compiled from company business records.
- 10. I understand this Self-Affirmed Statement will be used as written testimony in these cases. I affirm my testimony in paragraphs 1 through 9 above is true and correct and is made under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of New Mexico. My testimony is made as of the date identified next to my signature below.

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