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

APPLICATION OF CIMAREX ENERGY CO. FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

CASE NO.	

## **APPLICATION**

Cimarex Energy Co. ("Cimarex"), OGRID Number 215099, through its undersigned attorneys, hereby submits this 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 Wolfcamp horizontal spacing unit underlying the E/2 of Sections 25 and 36, Township 23 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. In support of this application, Cimarex states as follows:

- 1. Cimarex has an interest in the subject lands and has a right to drill and operate a well thereon.
- 2. Cimarex seeks to dedicate the E/2 of Sections 25 and 36, Township 23 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico to form a 640-acre, more or less, horizontal spacing unit.
- Cimarex plans to drill the Triste Draw 25-36 Fed Com 29H and Triste 25-36 Fed
   Com 31H wells to a depth sufficient to test the Wolfcamp formation.
- 4. The completed interval for the **Triste 25-36 Fed Com 31H** well is less than 330' from the adjoining tracts and the Division's rules allow for the inclusion of proximity tracts within the proposed spacing unit.
- 5. The wells will be horizontally drilled and will be drilled at orthodox locations under the Division's rules.

- 6. Cimarex sought, but has been unable to obtain, a voluntary agreement from all interest owners in the Wolfcamp formation underlying the proposed spacing unit to participate in the drilling of the wells or to otherwise commit their interests to the wells.
- 7. The pooling of all interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying the proposed unit will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

WHEREFORE, Cimarex requests that this case be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on April 7, 2022, and after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter its order:

- A. Pooling all uncommitted mineral interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying a horizontal spacing unit within the E/2 of Sections 25 and 36, Township 23 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico;
- B. Designating Cimarex as operator of this unit and the wells to be drilled thereon;
- C. Authorizing Cimarex to recover its costs of drilling, equipping and completing the wells;
- D. Approving actual operating charges and costs charged for supervision, together with a provision adjusting the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedure;
- E. 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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CASE NO. \_\_\_\_\_: Application of Cimarex Energy Co. for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order from the Division pooling all uncommitted interests within a Wolfcamp horizontal spacing unit underlying the E/2 of Sections 25 and 36, Township 23 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. This spacing unit will be dedicated to the Triste Draw 25-36 Fed Com 29H and Triste 25-36 Fed Com 31H wells. The completed interval for the Triste 25-36 Fed Com 31H well is less than 330' from the adjoining tracts and the Division's rules allow for the inclusion of proximity tracts within the proposed spacing unit. The producing areas for the 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 while drilling and after completion, designation of Cimarex Energy Co. as operator of the wells, and a 200% charge for risk involved in drilling said wells. Said area is located approximately 27 miles northwest of Jal, New Mexico.