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

APPLICATION OF TAP ROCK RESOURCES, LLC FOR COMPULSORY POOLING AND APPROVAL OF A NON-STANDARD SPACING AND PRORATION UNIT, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

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APPLICATION

Tap Rock Resources, LLC applies for an order pooling all uncommitted mineral interest owners in the Wolfcamp formation underlying a non-standard (proximity tract) horizontal spacing unit comprised of the E/2 of Section 4 and the NE/4, N/2SE/4, and SW/4SE/4 of Section 9, Township 24 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, and in support thereof, states:

- 1. Applicant is a working interest owner in the E/2 of Section 4 and the NE/4, N/2SE/4, and SW/4SE/4 of Section 9, and has the right to drill a well or wells thereon.
- 2. Applicant proposes to drill the following wells to a depth sufficient to test the Wolfcamp formation
- (a) The Contest Fed. Com. Well No. 203H, with a first take point in the SW/4SE/4 of Section 9 and a last take point in the NW/4NE/4 of Section 4;
- (b) The Contest Fed. Com. Well No. 208H, with a first take point in the NE/4SE/4 of Section 9 and a last take point in the NE/4NE/4 of Section 4; and
- (c) The Contest Fed. Com. Well No. 216H, with a first take point in the SW/4SE/4 of Section 9 and a last take point in the NW/4NE/4 of Section 4.
- 3. Applicant has in good faith sought to obtain voluntary joinder of all other mineral interest owners in the E/2 of Section 4 and the NE/4, N/2SE/4, and SW/4SE/4 of Section 9.

- 4. Although applicant attempted to obtain to obtain voluntary agreements from all mineral interest owners to participate in the drilling of the wells or to otherwise commit their interests to the well, certain interest owners have failed or refused to join in dedicating their interests. Therefore, applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interest owners in the Wolfcamp formation underlying the E/2 of Section 4 and the NE/4, N/2SE/4, and SW/4SE/4 of Section 9, pursuant to NMSA 1978 §70-2-17.
- 5. The pooling of mineral interest owners in the Wolfcamp formation underlying the E/2 of Section 4 and the NE/4, N/2SE/4, and SW/4SE/4 of Section 9, and approval of the non-standard spacing and proration unit, will avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste, and protect correlative rights.

WHEREFORE, applicant requests that, after notice and hearing, the Division enter its order:

- A. Pooling all uncommitted mineral interest owners in the Wolfcamp formation underlying E/2 of Section 4 and the NE/4, N/2SE/4, and SW/4SE/4 of Section 9;
- B. Designating Tap Rock Operating, LLC as operator of the wells;
- C. Approving the non-standard spacing and proration unit;
- D. Considering the cost of drilling, completing, and equipping the wells, and allocating the costs thereof among the wells' working interest owners;
- E. Approving actual operating charges and costs charged for supervision, together with a provision adjusting the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedure; and

F. Setting a 200% charge for the risk assumed by applicant in drilling, completing, and equipping the wells in the event a working interest owner elects not to participate in the wells.

Respectfully submitted,

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