

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

**APPLICATION OF APACHE CORPORATION
TO AMEND ORDER NO. R-21909,
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

**CASE NO. _____
ORDER NO. R-21909
(AMEND)**

APPLICATION

Apache Corporation (“Apache”), OGRID Number 873, through its undersigned attorneys, files this application with the Oil Conservation Division (“Division”) for the limited purpose of amending Order No. R-21909 (the “Order”), to allow for an extension of time for Apache to commence drilling the initial well under the Order. In support of this application, Apache states as follows:

1. Order No. R-21909 (Case No. 21840) pooled uncommitted interest owners in a 320-acre, more or less, Bone Spring horizontal spacing unit comprised of the S/2 S/2 of Sections 25 and 26, Township 19 South, Range 27 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico.
2. Order No. R-21909 designated Apache as the operator of the wells and the unit.
3. The Division Hearing for Case No. 21840 was held on October 21, 2021.
4. The Division entered Order No. R-21909 in Case No. 21392 on October 25, 2021.
5. Order No. R-21909, ¶ 19 states: “The Operator shall commence drilling the Well(s) within one (1) year after the date of this Order, and complete each Well no later than one (1) year after the commencement of drilling the Well.”
6. Order No. R-21909 ¶ 20 states: “This Order shall terminate automatically if Operator fails to comply with Paragraph 19 unless Operator obtains an extension by amending this Order for good cause shown.”

7. Apache requests that the Order be re-opened and amended to allow Apache additional time to commence drilling the initial well under the Order.

8. Good cause exists for Apache's request for an extension of time. Additional time is needed for Apache to resolve a title issue involving a tract in the spacing unit that has arisen.

9. Under the Order, Apache would be required to commence drilling the initial well by October 25, 2022.

10. Apache asks that the deadline to commence drilling the initial well be extended for one year from October 25, 2022 to October 25, 2023.

WHEREFORE, Apache requests this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on October 6, 2022, and after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division:

A. Amend Order No. R-21909 to extend the time for Apache to commence drilling the initial well under the Order for one year, through October 25, 2023;

Respectfully submitted,

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CASE NO. _____: (Amend) Application of Apache Corporation to Amend Order No. R-21909, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order from the Division for the limited purpose of amending Order No. R-21909 to allow for a one-year extension of time to commence drilling the initial well under the Order. Order No. R-21909 pooled uncommitted interest owners in a 320-acre, more or less, Bone Spring horizontal spacing unit comprised of the S/2 S/2 of Sections 25 and 26, Township 19 South, Range 27 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico. Said area is located approximately 16 miles southeast of Artesia, New Mexico.