

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

**APPLICATION OF WPX ENERGY PERMIAN, LLC FOR APPROVAL OF AN 862.40-
ACRE NON-STANDARD HORIZONTAL WELL SPACING UNIT AND COMPULSORY
POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

CASE NO. 23087

**MOTION TO SET THIS MATTER FOR A COMMISSION HEARING WITH
COMPANION CASE 22506**

WPX Energy Permian, LLC (“WPX” or “Applicant”), pursuant to 19.15.4.20(B) NMAC, moves the Division Director to set this matter for hearing before the Oil Conservation Commission on October 13, 2022, to be heard in conjunction with Case 22506, which is set for hearing before the Commission on that date under Order R-22286. In support of this application, WPX states:

1. Under Case 22506, WPX filed an application for an order pooling a standard 862.40-acre horizontal well spacing unit in the Wolfcamp formation (Purple Sage; Wolfcamp (Gas) Pool (98220)) underlying all of Section 26 and the N/2 equivalent of irregular Section 35, Township 26 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

2. Case 22506 was presented to the Division in February of 2022. Yesterday, under Order R-22286, the Division referred Case 22506 to the Commission and placed the matter on the Commission’s October 13, 2022, docket stating:

This matter involves the interpretation of Oil Conservation Commission (“Commission”) regulations regarding horizontal well spacing units. The issue is whether rectangular tracts comprising a standard horizontal spacing unit must be oriented in the same direction as the well interval. The Director believes that this issue should be decided by the Commission.

3. In response to this order, WPX has filed the application in this matter seeking, as alternative relief, approval of a non-standard spacing unit comprised of the same acreage to be dedicated to the same proposed well as Case 22506.

4. To ensure the necessary flexibility to allow a reduction of surface disturbance, to consolidate surface facilities for the commingling of production, and to effectively locate future wells across the subject area, Applicant requires either approval of the standard horizontal well spacing unit sought under Case 22506 or approval of a non-standard horizontal well spacing unit proposed under this application.

5. Since this matter involves the same acreage and the same proposed well as that at issue under Case 22506, WPX has filed this application in time to allow it to be consolidated with Case 22506 on the Commission's October 13, 2022, docket.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that this application be set for hearing before the Oil Conservation Commission on October 13, 2022, to be heard in conjunction with Case 22506.

Respectfully submitted,

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