

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

**APPLICATION OF RIDGE RUNNER  
RESOURCES OPERATING, LLC FOR  
EXTENSION TO COMMENCE DRILLING  
OPERATIONS, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

**CASE NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
ORDER NO. R-21609-A**

**APPLICATION**

Ridge Runner Resources Operating, LLC (“Applicant”) (OGRID No. 373013) files this application with the Oil Conservation Division (“Division”) for the limited purpose of amending Order No. R-21609-A to extend the deadline to commence drilling operations to one-year from the date of the amended order. In support of its application, Applicant states the following.

1. The Division entered Order No. R-21609 in Case No. 21635 on February 23, 2021.
2. Order No. R-21609 pooled all uncommitted mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying a 320-acre, more or less, standard horizontal spacing unit comprised of the W/2W/2 of Sections 2 and 11, Township 20 South, Range 35 East in Lea County, New Mexico (“Unit”) and dedicated the unit to the Zeus 2-11 Fed Com #1H (“Well”).
3. The Order designated Applicant as the operator of the Unit and the Well.
4. The Division entered Order No. R-21609-A on January 26, 2022. The Order extended the deadline to commence drilling the Well until February 23, 2023.
5. Paragraph 8 of Order No. R-21609-A provides that the Order shall terminate automatically if Operator fails to commence drilling the Well by February 23, 2023, unless good cause is shown.
6. Applicant’s ability to commence drilling the Well has been impacted by delays in the issuance of drilling permits and limited rig availability. Applicant intends to commence drilling the Well in the second half of 2023.

7. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the Division extend the deadline to commence drilling the Well to one-year from the date an amended order is entered.

8. Good cause exists for the requested extension.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests this application be set for hearing on January 5, 2023, and after notice and hearing, the Division amend Order No. R-21609-A to extend the deadline to commence drilling the Well to one-year from the date an amended order is entered.

Respectfully submitted,

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