APPLICATION OF FRANKLIN MOUNTAIN ENERGY LLC TO AMEND ORDER NO. R-21996, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

**CASE NO. 23222** 

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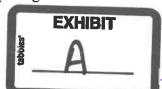
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### SELF AFFIRMED DECLARATION OF ILONA HOANG

Ilona Hoang hereby states and declares as follows:

- 1. I am over the age of 18, I am a landman for Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC ("Franklin"), and I have personal knowledge of the matters stated herein. I have previously testified before the Oil Conservation Division ("Division") and my credentials as an expert petroleum land professional were accepted by the Division as a matter of record.
- 2. My area of responsibility at Franklin includes the area of Lea County in New Mexico.
- 3. I am familiar with the application filed by Franklin in this case, which is attached as **Exhibit A.1**.
  - 4. I am familiar with the status of the lands that are subject to the application.
- 5. I submit the following information pursuant to NMAC 19.15.4.12.A(1) in support of the above referenced application.
- 6. The purpose of the application is to re-open Order No. R-21996, attached as **Exhibit A.2**, to amend it to allow for a one-year extension of time to commence drilling the initial well under the Order.
- 7. Order No. R-21996, issued in Case No. 22446, pooled overriding royalty interest owners (ORRI) in a 320-acre, more or less, Bone Spring standard horizontal spacing unit



comprised of the E/2W/2 of Sections 14 and 23, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico.

- 8. Order No. R-21996 designated Franklin as the operator of the wells and the unit.
- 9. Order No. R-21996, ¶ 19 states: "The Operator shall commence drilling the Well(s) within one year after the date of this Order, and complete each Well no later than one (1) year after the commencement of drilling the Well."
- 10. Under Order No. R-21996, Franklin would be required to commence drilling the initial well by January 26, 2023.
- 11. Further, Order No. R-21996, ¶ 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."
- 12. Good cause exists for Franklin's request for an extension of time. Franklin's plan to develop this acreage was delayed because of a leasing question with BLM which arose in mid-2022, after the Order was issued.
- 13. The issue having now been largely resolved, Franklin expects it will be able to drill these wells in the fourth quarter of 2023.
- 14. Franklin therefore requests that the deadline to commence drilling the initial well be extended for one year, from January 26, 2023 to January 26, 2024.
- 15. Franklin and its affiliate Franklin Mountain Energy 2, LLC are the only working interest owners in the Unit.
- 16. Order No. R-21996 pooled only ORRIs owners. No working interest owners were pooled. I have attached the Pooled Parties list submitted to the Division in Case No. 22446, which identifies only ORRIs owners as pooled parties, as **Exhibit A.3.**

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- 17. Division practice has been to provide notice of extension applications only to pooled working interest owners. Because Order R-21996 did not pool any working interest owners, no notice of this application was required to be mailed or published under Division practice.
- 18. The attachments to this declaration were prepared by me, or compiled from company business records, or were prepared at my direction.
- 19. In my opinion, the granting of this application is in the interests of conservation and the prevention of waste.

[Signature page follows]

I attest under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of New Mexico that the information provided herein is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Dated: 12/29/2022

Ilona Hoang

APPLICATION OF FRANKLIN MOUNTAIN ENERGY LLC TO AMEND ORDER NO. R-21996, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

> CASE NO. 23222 ORDER NO. R-21996 (Amend)

#### APPLICATION

Franklin Mountain Energy LLC ("Franklin"), OGRID Number 373910, through its undersigned attorneys, hereby applies to the Oil Conservation Division (the "Division") for the limited purpose of amending Order No. R-21996 (the "Order") to allow for an extension of time for Franklin to commence drilling the initial well under the Order. In support of this application, Franklin states as follows:

- 1. In December 2021, Franklin filed an application (Case No. 22446) seeking to pool uncommitted interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying the E/2W/2 of Sections 14 and 23, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico.
  - 2. On January 26, 2022, the Division entered Order No. R-21996 in Case No. 22446.
- 3. Order No. R-21996 pooled uncommitted interest owners in a 320-acre, more or less, Bone Spring standard horizontal spacing unit comprised of the E/2W/2 of Sections 14 and 23, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico.
  - 4. Order No. R-21996 designated Franklin as the operator of the well and the unit.



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- 5. Order No. R-21996, ¶ 19 states: "The Operator shall commence drilling the Well(s) within one 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. Further, Order No. R-21996, ¶ 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. Under Order No. R-21996, Franklin would be required to commence drilling the initial well by January 26, 2023.
- 8. Franklin hereby requests that Order No. R-21996 be amended to allow Franklin additional time to commence drilling the initial well under the Order.
- 9. Franklin asks that the deadline to commence drilling the initial well be extended for one year, from January 26, 2023 to January 26, 2024.
- 10. Good cause exists for Franklin's request for an extension of time. Franklin's plan to develop this acreage was delayed because of a leasing question with BLM which arose in mid-2022, after the Order was issued. The issue having now been largely resolved, Franklin expects it will be able to drill these wells in the fourth quarter of 2023.

WHEREFORE, Franklin requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on January 5, 2023, and after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division:

- A. Amend Order No. R-21996 to extend the time for Franklin to commence drilling the initial well under the Order for one year, through January 26, 2024; and
  - B. Incorporate all other provisions of Order No. R-21996.

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CASE NO. 23222 : (Amend) Application of Franklin Mountain Energy LLC to Amend Order No. R-21996, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order from the Division for the limited purpose of amending Order No. R-21996 to allow for a one-year extension of time to commence drilling the initial well under Order No. R-21996. Order No. R-21996 pooled uncommitted interest owners in a 320-acre, more or less, Bone Spring standard horizontal spacing unit comprised of the E/2W/2 of Sections 14 and 23, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico. Said area is located approximately 16 miles northwest of Jal, New Mexico.

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION FOR COMPULSORY POOLING SUBMITTED BY FRANKLIN MOUNTAIN ENERGY, LLC

CASE NO. 22446 ORDER NO. R-21996

#### **ORDER**

The Director of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("OCD"), having heard this matter through a Hearing Examiner on January 6, 2022, and after considering the testimony, evidence, and recommendation of the Hearing Examiner, issues the following Order.

### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC ("Operator") submitted an application ("Application") to compulsory pool the uncommitted oil and gas interests within the spacing unit ("Unit") described in Exhibit A. The Unit is expected to be a standard horizontal spacing unit. 19.15.16.15(B) NMAC. Operator seeks to be designated the operator of the Unit.
- 2. Operator will dedicate the well(s) described in Exhibit A ("Well(s)") to the Unit.
- 3. Operator does not propose any supervision and risk charges for the Well(s) described in Exhibit A, because the uncommitted oil and gas interests the Operator is seeking to be pool by this Application do not include any working interests.
- 4. Operator identified the owners of uncommitted interests in oil and gas minerals in the Unit and provided evidence that notice was given.
- 5. The Application was heard by the Hearing Examiner on the date specified above, during which Operator presented evidence through affidavits in support of the Application. No other party presented evidence at the hearing.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 6. OCD has jurisdiction to issue this Order pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 70-2-17.
- 7. Operator is the owner of an oil and gas working interest within the Unit.
- 8. Operator satisfied the notice requirements for the Application and the hearing as required by 19.15.4.12 NMAC.
- 9. OCD satisfied the notice requirements for the hearing as required by 19.15.4.9 NMAC.

- 10. Operator has the right to drill the Well(s) to a common source of supply at the depth(s) and location(s) in the Unit described in Exhibit A.
- 11. The Unit contains separately owned uncommitted interests in oil and gas minerals.
- 12. Some of the owners of the uncommitted interests have not agreed to commit their interests to the Unit.
- 13. The pooling of uncommitted interests in the Unit will prevent waste and protect correlative rights, including the drilling of unnecessary wells.
- 14. This Order affords to the owner of an uncommitted interest the opportunity to produce his just and equitable share of the oil or gas in the pool.

#### **ORDER**

- 15. The uncommitted interests in the Unit are pooled as set forth in Exhibit A.
- 16. The Unit shall be dedicated to the Well(s) set forth in Exhibit A.
- 17. Operator is designated as operator of the Unit and the Well(s).
- 18. If the location of a well will be unorthodox under the spacing rules in effect at the time of completion, Operator shall obtain the OCD's approval for a non-standard location in accordance with 19.15.16.15(C) NMAC.
- 19. The Operator shall commence drilling the Well(s) within one year after the date of this Order, and complete each Well no later than one (1) year after the commencement of drilling the Well.
- 20. 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.
- 21. The infill well requirements in 19.15.13.9 NMAC through 19.15.13.12 NMAC shall be applicable.
- 22. Because the interests to be pooled by this Order do not include any working interests, there is no necessity to provide in this Order for allocation of costs, risk charges, or overhead charges.
- 23. Except as provided above, Operator shall hold the revenue attributable to a well that is not disbursed for any reason for the account of the person(s) entitled to the revenue as provided in the Oil and Gas Proceeds Payment Act, NMSA 1978, Sections 70-10-1 et seq., and relinquish such revenue as provided in the Uniform Unclaimed Property Act, NMSA 1978, Sections 7-8A-1 et seq.

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- 24. The Unit shall terminate if (a) the owners of all Uncommitted Interests reach a voluntary agreement; or (b) the well(s) drilled on the Unit are plugged and abandoned in accordance with the applicable rules. Operator shall inform OCD no later than thirty (30) days after such occurrence.
- 25. OCD retains jurisdiction of this matter for the entry of such orders as may be deemed necessary.

Date: \_1/26/2022

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

ADRIENNE SANDOVAL DIRECTOR

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### Exhibit A

ALL INFORMATION IN THE APPLICATION MUST BE SUPPORTED BY SIGNED AFFIDAVITS		
Case: 22446	APPLICANT'S RESPONSE	
Date: Hearing Date-January 6, 2022		
Applicant	Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC	
Designated Operator & OGRID (affiliation if applicable)	Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC (373910)	
Applicant's Counsel:	Modrall Sperling (Deana Bennett, Earl DeBrine, Bryce Smith)	
Case Title:	Application of Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC for Compulsory Pooling, Lea County, New Mexico	
Entries of Appearance/Intervenors:	None	
Well Family	Prevail	
Formation/Pool		
Formation Name(s) or Vertical Extent:	Bone Spring	
Primary Product (Oil or Gas);	Oil	
Pooling this vertical extent:	Bone Spring	
	WC-025 G-09 \$253502D-I WR BONF SPRING 98189	
Well Location Setback Rules:	WC-025 G-09 S253502D-LWR BONE SPRING 98189	
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Spacing Unit Size:  Spacing Unit Type (Horizontal/Vertical) Size (Acres) Building Blocks: Orientation: Description: TRS/County	Statewide rules  320 acres  Horizontal  320 acres  40 acres  North-South  E/2W/2 of Sections 14 and 23, Township 24 South,	
Spacing Unit Size:  Spacing Unit Type (Horizontal/Vertical)  Size (Acres) Building Blocks:  Orientation: Description: TRS/County  Standard Horizontal Well Spacing Unit (Y/N), If No, describe	Statewide rules  320 acres  Horizontal  320 acres  40 acres  North-South  E/2W/2 of Sections 14 and 23, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico	
Spacing Unit Size:  Spacing Unit Type (Horizontal/Vertical)  Size (Acres) Building Blocks:  Orientation: Description: TRS/County  Standard Horizontal Well Spacing Unit (Y/N), If No, describe  Other Situations	Statewide rules  320 acres  Horizontal  320 acres  40 acres  North-South  E/2W/2 of Sections 14 and 23, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico	
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Name & API (if assigned), surface and best amily ble lication G JA	NUMBER PROFESSION NUMBER OF STREET
footages, completion target, orientation, completion status	
(standard or non-standard) Well #1	Prevail Fed Com 602H
175.11.12	API: 30-025-48592 SHL:
	273 feet from the North line and 2429 feet from the West line, Section 14, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM. BHL: 150 feet from the South line and 1800 feet from the West line, Section 23, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM. Completion Target: Bone Spring. Well Orientation: North/South Completion location: Expected to be standard. See also Exhibit 3 for C-102.
Horizontal Well First and Last Take Points	Exhibit 3
Completion Target (Formation, TVD and MD)	Exhibits 7; 8C
AFE Capex and Operating Costs	
Drilling Supervision/Month \$	N/A
Production Supervision/Month \$	N/A
lustification for Supervision Costs	N/A
Requested Risk Charge	N/A
Notice of Hearing	
Proposed Notice of Hearing	Exhibits 2; 5
Proof of Mailed Notice of Hearing (20 days before hearing)	Exhibit 5
Proof of Published Notice of Hearing (10 days before hearing)	Exhibit 5
Ownership Determination	
and Ownership Schematic of the Spacing Unit	Exhibit 4
ract List (including lease numbers and owners)	Exhibit 4
Pooled Parties (including ownership type)	Exhibit 4
Inlocatable Parties to be Pooled	N/A
Ownership Depth Severance (including percentage above & beli	
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ample Copy of Proposal Letter	N/A

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Parties to Be PooledCase 22446	Interest Type
Prevail Energy, LLC	ORRI
Rheiner Holdings, LLC	ORRI
Monticello Minerals, LLC	ORRI
Cayuga Royalties, LLC	ORRI

EXHIBIT A 3

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