

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

**APPLICATION OF MRC PERMIAN COMPANY
FOR APPROVAL OF AN OVERLAPPING HORIZONTAL
WELL SPACING UNIT AND COMPULSORY POOLING,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

CASE NO. _____

APPLICATION

MRC Permian Company (“MRC” or “Applicant”), through undersigned attorneys, files this application with the Oil Conservation Division pursuant to the provisions of NMSA 1978, § 70-2-17, for an order (a) approving a standard 320-acre, more or less, overlapping horizontal well spacing unit in the Bone Spring formation underlying the W2W2 of Section 1, Township 19 South, Range 34 East, and the W2W2 of Section 36, Township 18 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, and (b) pooling this proposed horizontal well spacing unit. In support of its application, MRC states:

1. Applicant is a working interest owner in the proposed horizontal well spacing unit and has the right to drill thereon.
2. Applicant seeks to designate Matador Production Company (OGRID No. 228937) as the operator of the proposed horizontal spacing unit.
3. Applicant seeks to initially dedicate the above-referenced horizontal well spacing unit to the proposed **Mongoose State 121H** well to be horizontally drilled from a surface hole location in the SW4 of Section 1, with a first take point in the SW4SW4 (Unit M) of section 1 and a last take point in the NW4NW4 (Unit D) of Section 36.
4. This proposed horizontal well spacing unit will overlap the following existing Bone Spring spacing units:

- A 174-acre horizontal well spacing unit comprised of the N2N2 of Section 1 dedicated to COG's Wild Cobra 1 State 1H (API 30-025-41110)
- A 160-acre horizontal well spacing unit comprised of the S2N2 of Section 1 COG's Wild Cobra 1 State 2H (API 30-025-40404)
- A 160-acre horizontal well spacing unit comprised of the N2S2 of Section 1 dedicated to Matador's Mongoose Fee 1H (API 30-025-40727)
- A 160-acre horizontal well spacing unit comprised of the S2S2 of Section 36 dedicated to Franklin Mountain's Butter Cup 36 State Com 1H (API 30-025-40640)
- A 160-acre horizontal well spacing unit comprised of the N2S2 of Section 36 dedicated to Franklin Mountain's Butter Cup 36 State Com 2H (API 30-025-40641)
- A 160-acre horizontal well spacing unit comprised of the S2N2 of Section 36 dedicated to Franklin Mountain's Butter Cup 36 State Com 3H (API 30-025-42367)
- A 200-acre horizontal well spacing unit comprised of the S2N2 of Section 35 and the SW4NW4 (Unit E) of Section 36 dedicated to Franklin Mountain's Tin Cup 36 State Com 1H (API 30-025-40422)

5. Applicant has sought and been unable to obtain voluntary agreement for the development of these lands from all interest owners in the subject spacing unit.

6. Approval of this overlapping horizontal well spacing unit and the pooling of interests will allow Applicant to obtain a just and fair share of the oil and gas underlying the subject lands, avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, will prevent waste, and will protect correlative rights.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on December 7, 2023, and, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order:

- A. Approving the overlapping horizontal well spacing unit and pooling all uncommitted interests therein;

- B. Designating Matador Production Company as operator of this horizontal well spacing unit and the wells to be drilled thereon;
- C. Authorizing Applicant to recover its costs of drilling, completing, and equipping the well;
- D. Approving the actual operating charges and costs of supervision while drilling and after completion, together with a provision adjusting the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedures; and
- E. Imposing a 200% penalty for the risk assumed by Applicant in drilling and completing the well against any working interest owner who does not voluntarily participate in the drilling of the well.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTORNEYS FOR MRC PERMIAN COMPANY

CASE _____: **Application of MRC Permian Company for Approval of an Overlapping Horizontal Well Spacing Unit and Compulsory Pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks an order (a) approving a standard 320-acre, more or less, overlapping horizontal well spacing unit in the Bone Spring formation underlying the W2W2 of Section 1, Township 19 South, Range 34 East, and the W2W2 of Section 36, Township 18 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, and (b) pooling this proposed horizontal well spacing unit. Said unit will be initially dedicated to the proposed **Mongoose State 121H** well to be horizontally drilled from a surface hole location in the SW4 of Section 1, with a first take point in the SW4SW4 (Unit M) of section 1 and a last take point in the NW4NW4 (Unit D) of Section 36. This proposed horizontal well spacing unit will overlap the following existing Bone Spring spacing units:

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Also, to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing the well and the allocation of the cost thereof, actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of Matador Production Company as operator of the proposed spacing unit, and a 200% charge for risk involved in drilling the well. The subject area is located approximately 24 miles west of Hobbs, New Mexico.