

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

**APPLICATION OF MATADOR PRODUCTION COMPANY
TO AMEND ORDER R-22041-A TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL
TIME TO COMMENCE DRILLING,
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

CASE NO. _____

APPLICATION

Matador Production Company (“Matador” or “Applicant”), through its undersigned attorneys, files this application with the Oil Conservation Division to amend Order R-22041-A to allow additional time to commence drilling the initial well authorized by the pooling order. In support of its application, Matador states:

1. On February 23, 2022, the Division issued Order R-22041 in Case 22204 creating a standard 320-acre, more or less, horizontal well spacing unit in the Bone Spring formation underlying the N2S2 of Section 13, Township 24 South, Range 28 East, and the N2S2 of Section 18, Township 24 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico (the “Unit”). Matador is the designated operator of the Unit, and the Unit is initially dedicated to the proposed **Dr. Ellis 113H** and the **Dr. Ellis 123H** wells.

2. On March 30, 2023, the Division issued Order No. R-22041-A extending the time to commence drilling the initial well due to inaction by the Bureau of Land Management on drilling permits filed for three adjacent horizontal well spacing units in these sections that Matador seeks to co-develop with this N2S2 spacing unit.

3. The Bureau of Land Management has yet to act on the filed drilling permits for the other three horizontal well spacing units to allow co-development of all four spacing units.

4. Since Matador has good cause not to meet the current February 23, 2024, drilling deadline, Matador requests that the deadline to commence drilling the well be extended for an additional year to February 24, 2025.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on January 4, 2024, and, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order extending the time for Matador to commence drilling the initial well authorized by Order R-22041.

Respectfully submitted,

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CASE _____: **Application of Matador Production Company to Amend Order R-22041-A to Allow Additional Time to Commence Drilling, Eddy County, New Mexico.** Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks a year extension of the time to commence drilling the well authorized by Order No. R-22041, which pooled the Bone Spring formation underlying the N2S2 of Section 13, Township 24 South, Range 28 East, and the N2S2 of Section 18, Township 24 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico. Order No. R-22041 dedicated this pooled horizontal well spacing unit to the proposed **Dr. Ellis 113H** and **Dr. Ellis 123H** wells. Said area is located 12 miles west of Malaga, New Mexico.