BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

APPLICATION OF MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

Case	No.		

APPLICATION

Mewbourne Oil Company applies for an order pooling all uncommitted mineral interest owners in the Bone Spring formation, limited to depths from the top of the First Bone Spring Sand to the base of the Bone Spring formation, underlying a proximity tract horizontal spacing unit comprised of the W/2 of Section 15 and the W/2 of Section 22, Township 26 South, Range 32 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico, and in support thereof, states:

- 1. Applicant is an interest owner in the W/2 of Section 15 and the W/2 of Section 22 (containing 640 acres), and has the right to drill a well or wells thereon.
- 2. Applicant proposes to drill the following wells to depths sufficient to test the Bone Spring formation:
 - (a) the Red Hills West 22/15 Fed Com. Well Nos. 521H, 571H, and 502H, with first take points in the SW/4SW/4 of Section 22 and last take points in the NW/4NW/4 of Section 15; and
 - (b) the Red Hills West 22/15 Fed Com. Well Nos. 524H, 574H and 573H, with first take points in the SE/4SW/4 of Section 22 and last take points in the NE/4NW/4 of Section 15
- 3. Applicant has in good faith sought to obtain the voluntary joinder of all other mineral interest owners in the W/2 of Section 15 and the W/2 of Section 22 for the purposes set forth herein.

- 4. Although applicant attempted to obtain voluntary agreements from all mineral interest owners to participate in the drilling of the wells or to otherwise commit their interests to the wells, certain interest owners have failed or refused to join in dedicating their interests. Therefore, applicant seeks an order pooling all uncommitted mineral interest owners in the Bone Spring formation, limited to depths from the top of the First Bone Spring Sand to the base of the Bone Spring formation, underlying the W/2 of Section 15 and the W/2 of Section 22, pursuant to NMSA 1978 §70-2-17.
- 5. The pooling of all uncommitted mineral interest owners in the Bone Spring formation, limited to depths from the top of the First Bone Spring Sand to the base of the Bone Spring formation, underlying the W/2 of Section 15 and the W/2 of Section 22 will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste, and protect correlative rights.

WHEREFORE, applicant requests that, after notice and hearing. The Division enters its order:

- A. Pooling all uncommitted mineral interest owners in the Bone Spring formation, limited to depths from the top of the First Bone Spring Sand to the base of the Bone Spring formation, (Wildcat; Lower Bone Spring Pool/Pool Code 97903) underlying the W/2 of Section 15 and the W/2 of Section 22;
- B. Designating applicant as operator of the proposed wells;
- C. Considering the cost of drilling, completing, testing, and equipping the wells, and allocating the cost among the wells' working interest owners;
- D. Approving actual operating charges and costs charged for supervision, together with a provision adjusting the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedure; and

E. Setting a 200% charge for the risk involved in drilling, completing, testing, and equipping the wells in the event a working interest owner elects not to participate in the wells.

Respectfully submitted,

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