## BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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

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## **APPLICATION**

Mewbourne Oil Company applies for an order pooling all uncommitted mineral interest owners in the Bone Spring formation underlying a horizontal spacing unit comprised of the S/2S/2 of Section 9, S/2S/2 of Section 10, and the S/2SW/4 of Section 11, Township 22 South, Range 26 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico, and in support thereof, states:

- 1. Applicant is an interest owner in the S/2S/2 of Section 9, S/2S/2 of Section 10, and the S/2SW/4 of Section 11 (containing 400 acres), and has the right to drill a well or wells thereon.
- 2. Applicant proposes to drill (a) the Buffalo Thunder 9/11 Fed. Com. Well No. 527H, with a first take point in the SW/4SW/4 of Section 9 and a last take point in the SE/4SW/4 of Section 11, and (b) the Buffalo Thunder 9/11 Fed. Com. Well No. 628H, with a first take point in the SW/4SW/4 of Section 9 and a last take point in the SE/4SW/4 of Section 11, to depths sufficient to test the Bone Spring formation.
- 3. Applicant has in good faith sought to obtain the voluntary joinder of all other mineral interest owners in the S/2S/2 of Section 9, S/2S/2 of Section 10, and the S/2SW/4 of Section 11 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 underlying the S/2S/2 of Section 9, S/2S/2 of Section 10, and the S/2SW/4 of Section 11, pursuant to NMSA 1978 §70-2-17.

5. The pooling of all uncommitted mineral interest owners in the Bone Spring formation underlying the S/2S/2 of Section 9, S/2S/2 of Section 10, and the S/2SW/4 of Section 11 will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste, and protect correlative rights.

WHEREFORE, applicant requests that, after notice and hearing, the Division enter its order:

- A. Pooling all uncommitted mineral interest owners in the Bone Spring formation (Esperanza; Bone Spring/Pool Code 97755) underlying the S/2S/2 of Section 9, S/2S/2 of Section 10, and the S/2SW/4 of Section 11;
- B. Designating applicant as operator of the wells;
- C. Considering the cost of drilling, completing, equipping, and testing 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, equipping, and testing the wells in the event a working interest owner elects not to participate in the wells.

Respectfully submitted,

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