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

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

## **APPLICATION**

Pursuant to NMSA § 70-2-17, Mewbourne Oil Company, (OGRID No. 14744) ("Mewbourne" or "Applicant") applies for an order pooling all uncommitted interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying a 238.17-acre, more or less, standard horizonal spacing unit comprised of the S/2 S/2 of Section 13, Township 18 South, Range 29 East, and the S/2 SW/4 of Section 18, Township 18 South, Range 30 East, Eddy County, New Mexico ("Unit"). In support of its application, Mewbourne states the following.

- 1. Applicant is a working interest owner in the Unit and has the right to drill wells thereon.
- 2. The Unit will be dedicated to the **Study Butte 18/13 Fed Com #528H** well ("Well"), which will be drilled from a surface hole location in the NW/4 NW/4 (Unit D) of Section 20, Township 18 South, Range 30 East, to a bottom hole location in the SW/4 SW/4 (Unit M) of Section 13, Township 18 South, Range 29 East.
  - 3. The completed interval of the Well will be orthodox.
- 4. Applicant has undertaken diligent, good faith efforts to obtain voluntary agreements from all interest owners to participate in the drilling of the Well but has been unable to obtain voluntary agreements from all interest owners.
- 5. The pooling of uncommitted interests will avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste, and protect correlative rights.

6. In order to allow Applicant to obtain its just and fair share of the oil and gas underlying the subject lands, all uncommitted interests in the Unit should be pooled and Applicant should be designated as operator of the Well and the Unit.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on October 9, 2025, and, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order:

- A. Pooling all uncommitted interests in the Unit;
- B. Approving the Well in the Unit;
- C. Designating Applicant as operator of the Unit and the Well to be drilled thereon;
- D. Authorizing Applicant to recover its costs of drilling, equipping and completing the
   Well;
- E. 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
- F. 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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