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

APPLICATION OF MRC PERMIAN COMPANY FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO.
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## **APPLICATION**

MRC Permian Company ("Applicant") applies to the Oil Conservation Division (the "Division") for an order pooling all uncommitted mineral interest owners in the Wolfcamp formation underlying a horizontal spacing unit comprised of the W/2 of Section 17, Township 24 South, Range 36 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico (the "Unit). In support of this application, Applicant states:

- 1. Applicant is a working interest owner in the Unit, and has the right to drill a well or wells thereon.
- 2. Applicant proposes to drill the Carl Mottek Fed Well No. 220H in the Unit to test the Wolfcamp formation. The well will be horizontally drilled from a surface location and a first take point in the NW/4NW/4 (Unit D) of Section 17 to a bottom hole location and a last take point in the NE/4NW/4 (Unit C) of Section 17. The well is a U-turn well: The W/2W/2 of Section 17 will contain the north-south lateral, and the E/2W/2 of Section 17 will contain south-north lateral.
- 3. Although Applicant has in good faith sought to obtain voluntary joinder of all other mineral interest owners in the Unit to participate in the drilling of the well or to otherwise commit their interests to the well, certain interest owners have failed or refused to commit their interests. Therefore, Applicant seeks an order pooling all uncommitted mineral interest owners in the Wolfcamp formation underlying the Unit, pursuant to NMSA 1978 Sec. 70-2-17.

4. The pooling of all uncommitted mineral interest owners in the Wolfcamp formation underlying the Unit will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste, and protect correlative rights.

**WHEREFORE**, Applicant requests this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Division, and, after notice and hearing, the Division issue its order:

- A. Pooling all uncommitted mineral interest owners in the Wolfcamp formation underlying the Unit;
  - B. Designating Matador Production Company as operator of the well and the Unit;
- C. Considering the cost of drilling, completing, testing, and equipping the well, and allocating the cost thereof among the well's 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 well in the event a working interest owner elects not to participate in the well.

Respectfully submitted,

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