

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

**APPLICATION OF COTERRA ENERGY
OPERATING CO. TO AMEND ORDER NO. R-23302,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

CASE No. 25508

PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

This Pre-Hearing Statement is submitted for the above-referenced case pursuant to the rules of the Oil Conservation Division. This application was filed on behalf of Coterra Energy Operating Co. as successor-in-interest to Avant Operating, LLC.

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APPLICANT

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STATEMENT OF CASE**APPLICANT:**

In **Case No. 25508**, Coterra seeks an order amending Order No. R-23302 to extend the deadline to commence drilling the initial well under the Order. Order R-23302 pooled uncommitted interest owners in standard 640-acre, more or less, Bone Spring horizontal spacing unit comprised of the E/2 of Sections 15 and 22, Township 19 South, Range 33 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. Said area is located approximately 24 miles west of Hobbs, New Mexico

PROPOSED EVIDENCE**APPLICANT:****WITNESS****ESTIMATED TIME****EXHIBITS**

Landman: Trey Roberson

Approx. 10 minutes

Approx. 3

PROCEDURAL ISSUES

Order R-23302 provided an alternative process for obtaining an extension, which states: “This Order shall terminate automatically if the Operator fails to comply with the preceding paragraph unless the Operator requests an extension by notifying the OCD and all parties that required notice of the original compulsory pooling application in accordance with 19.15.4.12.B and 19.15.4.12.C NMAC. Upon no objection after twenty (20) days the extension is automatically granted up to one year. If a protest is received the extension is not granted and the Operator must set the case for a hearing.” Given some uncertainty about how to effectuate this provision, and out of an abundance of caution, Coterra filed the enclosed application. While Permian Resources Operating, LLC had objected to this application, Permian Resources Operating, LLC has withdrawn that objection and Coterra intends to present this case by affidavit.

Respectfully submitted,

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QUESTIONS

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Testimony	
Please assist us by provide the following information about your testimony.	
Number of witnesses	1
Testimony time (in minutes)	10