

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

**IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION FOR
COMPULSORY POOLING SUBMITTED BY
FRANKLIN MOUNTAIN ENERGY LLC**

**CASE NO. 22561
ORDER NO. R-22085**

ORDER

The Director of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (“OCD”), having heard this matter through a Hearing Examiner on March 3, 2022, and after considering the testimony, evidence, and recommendation of the Hearing Examiner, issues the following Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC (“Operator”) submitted an application (“Application”) to compulsory pool the uncommitted oil and gas interests within the spacing unit (“Unit”) described in Exhibit A. The Unit is expected to be a standard horizontal spacing unit. 19.15.16.15(B) NMAC. Operator seeks to be designated the operator of the Unit.
2. Operator will dedicate the well(s) described in Exhibit A (“Well(s)”) to the Unit.
3. Operator does not propose any supervision and risk charges for the Well(s) described in Exhibit A, because the uncommitted oil and gas interests the Operator is seeking to be pool by this Application do not include any working interests.
4. Operator identified the owners of uncommitted interests in oil and gas minerals in the Unit and provided evidence that notice was given.
5. The Application was heard by the Hearing Examiner on the date specified above, during which Operator presented evidence through affidavits in support of the Application. No other party presented evidence at the hearing.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

6. OCD has jurisdiction to issue this Order pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 70-2-17.
7. Operator is the owner of an oil and gas working interest within the Unit.
8. Operator satisfied the notice requirements for the Application and the hearing as required by 19.15.4.12 NMAC.
9. OCD satisfied the notice requirements for the hearing as required by 19.15.4.9 NMAC.

10. Operator has the right to drill the Well(s) to a common source of supply at the depth(s) and location(s) in the Unit described in Exhibit A.
11. The Unit contains separately owned uncommitted interests in oil and gas minerals.
12. Some of the owners of the uncommitted interests have not agreed to commit their interests to the Unit.
13. The pooling of uncommitted interests in the Unit will prevent waste and protect correlative rights, including the drilling of unnecessary wells.
14. This Order affords to the owner of an uncommitted interest the opportunity to produce his just and equitable share of the oil or gas in the pool.

ORDER

15. The uncommitted interests in the Unit are pooled as set forth in Exhibit A.
16. The Unit shall be dedicated to the Well(s) set forth in Exhibit A.
17. Operator is designated as operator of the Unit and the Well(s).
18. If the location of a well will be unorthodox under the spacing rules in effect at the time of completion, Operator shall obtain the OCD's approval for a non-standard location in accordance with 19.15.16.15(C) NMAC.
19. The Operator shall commence drilling the Well(s) within one year after the date of this Order, and complete each Well no later than one (1) year after the commencement of drilling the Well.
20. This Order shall terminate automatically if Operator fails to comply with Paragraph 19 unless Operator obtains an extension by amending this Order for good cause shown.
21. The infill well requirements in 19.15.13.9 NMAC through 19.15.13.12 NMAC shall be applicable.
22. Because the interests to be pooled by this Order do not include any working interests, there is no necessity to provide in this Order for allocation of costs, risk charges, or overhead charges.
23. Except as provided above, Operator shall hold the revenue attributable to a well that is not disbursed for any reason for the account of the person(s) entitled to the revenue as provided in the Oil and Gas Proceeds Payment Act, NMSA 1978, Sections 70-10-1 *et seq.*, and relinquish such revenue as provided in the Uniform Unclaimed Property Act, NMSA 1978, Sections 7-8A-1 *et seq.*

24. The Unit shall terminate if (a) the owners of all Uncommitted Interests reach a voluntary agreement; or (b) the well(s) drilled on the Unit are plugged and abandoned in accordance with the applicable rules. Operator shall inform OCD no later than thirty (30) days after such occurrence.
25. OCD retains jurisdiction of this matter for the entry of such orders as may be deemed necessary.

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**ADRIENNE SANDOVAL
DIRECTOR**

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Date: 4/04/2022

Exhibit A

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COMPULSORY POOLING APPLICATION CHECKLIST	
ALL INFORMATION IN THE APPLICATION MUST BE SUPPORTED BY SIGNED AFFIDAVITS	
Case: 22561	APPLICANT'S RESPONSE
Date: Hearing Date-March 3, 2022	
Applicant	Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC
Designated Operator & OGRID (affiliation if applicable)	Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC (373910)
Applicant's Counsel:	Modrall Sperling (Deana Bennett, Earl DeBrine, Bryce Smith)
Case Title:	Application of Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC for Compulsory Pooling, Lea County, New Mexico
Entries of Appearance/Intervenors:	None
Well Family	Bidder 49
Formation/Pool	
Formation Name(s) or Vertical Extent:	Bone Spring
Primary Product (Oil or Gas):	Oil
Pooling this vertical extent:	Bone Spring
Pool Name and Pool Code:	WC-025 G-09 S253502D-LWR BONE SPRING 98185
Well Location Setback Rules:	Statewide rules
Spacing Unit Size:	320 acres
Spacing Unit	
Type (Horizontal/Vertical)	Horizontal
Size (Acres)	320 acres
Building Blocks:	40 acres
Orientation:	North-South
Description: TRS/County	E/2W/2 of Sections 25 and 36, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico
Standard Horizontal Well Spacing Unit (Y/N), If No, describe	Y
Other Situations	
Depth Severance: Y/N. If yes, description	N
Proximity Tracts: If yes, description	N
Proximity Defining Well: if yes, description	N
Applicant's Ownership in Each Tract	Exhibit 3.
Well(s)	



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Name & API (if assigned), surface and bottom hole location, footages, completion target, orientation, completion status (standard or non-standard)	Exhibit 2 and Exhibit B, paragraph 14.
Well #1	Bidder 49 Fed Com 602H API: Not yet assigned SHL: 250 feet from the North line and 2167 feet from the West line, Section 1, Township 25 South, Range 35 East, NMPM. BHL: 150 feet from the North line and 1800 feet from the West line, Section 25, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM. Completion Target: Bone Spring. Well Orientation: North/South Completion location: Expected to be standard. See also Exhibit 2 for C-102.
Horizontal Well First and Last Take Points	Exhibit 2
Completion Target (Formation, TVD and MD)	Bone Spring: TVD 11,961'; MD 22,131'
AFE Capex and Operating Costs	
Drilling Supervision/Month \$	N/A
Production Supervision/Month \$	N/A
Justification for Supervision Costs	N/A
Requested Risk Charge	N/A
Notice of Hearing	
Proposed Notice of Hearing	Exhibits 1, 4
Proof of Mailed Notice of Hearing (20 days before hearing)	Exhibit 4
Proof of Published Notice of Hearing (10 days before hearing)	Exhibit 4
Ownership Determination	
Land Ownership Schematic of the Spacing Unit	Exhibit 3
Tract List (including lease numbers and owners)	Exhibit 3
Pooled Parties (including ownership type)	Exhibit 3
Unlocatable Parties to be Pooled	N/A
Ownership Depth Severance (including percentage above & below)	N/A
Joinder	
Sample Copy of Proposal Letter	N/A

List of Interest Owners (ie Exhibit A of JOA)	N/A
Chronology of Contact with Non-Joined Working Interests	N/A
Overhead Rates In Proposal Letter	N/A
Cost Estimate to Drill and Complete	N/A
Cost Estimate to Equip Well	N/A
Cost Estimate for Production Facilities	N/A
Geology	
Summary (including special considerations)	Tab C
Spacing Unit Schematic	Exhibit 6
Gunbarrel/Lateral Trajectory Schematic	Exhibit 6
Well Orientation (with rationale)	Exhibit 8
Target Formation	Exhibit 7-C
HSU Cross Section	Exhibit 7-C
Depth Severance Discussion	N/A
Forms, Figures and Tables	
C-102	Exhibit 2
Tracts	Exhibit 3
Summary of Interests, Unit Recapitulation (Tracts)	Exhibit 3
General Location Map (including basin)	Exhibit 5
Well Bore Location Map	Exhibit 5
Structure Contour Map - Subsea Depth	Exhibit 7-A
Cross Section Location Map (including wells)	Exhibit 7-B
Cross Section (including Landing Zone)	Exhibit 7-C
Additional Information	
CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the information provided in this checklist is complete and accurate.	
Printed Name (Attorney or Party Representative):	Deana M. Bennett
Signed Name (Attorney or Party Representative):	
Date:	March 1, 2022