

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

**IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION FOR
COMPULSORY POOLING SUBMITTED BY
EARTHSTONE OPERATING, LLC**

**CASE NO. 25538
ORDER NO. R-22597-A**

ORDER

The Director of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (“OCD”), having heard this matter through a Hearing Examiner on September 11, 2025, and after considering the testimony, evidence, and recommendation of the Hearing Examiner, issues the following Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Earthstone Operating, LLC (“Operator”) submitted an application (“Application”) to compulsory pool additional uncommitted oil and gas interests under Order R-22597 and within the spacing unit described therein (“Unit”).
2. Subsequent to the issuance of Order R-22597, Operator discovered previously unidentified interest owner(s) in the Unit.
3. Operator provided evidence that it gave notice of the Application and the hearing to the previously unidentified interest owner(s).
4. Operator presented evidence through affidavits in support of the Application.
5. 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. The previously unidentified interest owner(s) has not agreed to commit its interest to the Unit.
11. The pooling of the previously unidentified uncommitted interest in the Unit will prevent waste and protect correlative rights, including the drilling of unnecessary wells.
12. This Order affords the previously unidentified interest owner(s) the opportunity to produce its just and equitable share of the oil or gas in the pool.

ORDER

13. The previously unidentified uncommitted interest in the Unit is hereby pooled in the Unit.
14. Order R-22597 shall remain in full force and effect.
15. OCD retains jurisdiction of this matter for the entry of such orders as may be deemed necessary.

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Date: 12/1/2025