

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

**APPLICATION FOR SURFACE COMMINGLING
SUBMITTED BY XTO PERMIAN OPERATING, LLC**

ORDER NO. PLC-649-A

ORDER

The Director of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (“OCD”), having considered the application and the recommendation of the Engineering Bureau, issues the following Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. XTO Permian Operating, LLC (“Applicant”) submitted a complete application to surface commingle and off-lease measure the oil and gas production ("Application") from the pools, leases, and wells identified in Exhibit A.
2. To the extent that ownership is identical, Applicant submitted a certification by a licensed attorney or qualified petroleum landman that the ownership in the pools, leases, and wells to be commingled is identical as defined in 19.15.12.7(B) NMAC.
3. Applicant proposed a method to allocate the oil and gas production to the pools, leases, and wells to be commingled.
4. To the extent that ownership is diverse, Applicant provided notice of the Application to all persons owning an interest in the oil and gas production to be commingled, including the owners of royalty and overriding royalty interests, regardless whether they have a right or option to take their interests in kind, and those persons either submitted a written waiver or did not file an objection to the Application.
5. Applicant provided notice of the Application to the Bureau of Land Management (“BLM”) or New Mexico State Land Office (“NMSLO”), as applicable.
6. Applicant certified the commingling of oil and gas production from the pools, leases, and wells will not in reasonable probability reduce the value of the oil and gas production to less than if it had remained segregated.
7. Applicant submitted or intends to submit one or more application(s) to the BLM or NMSLO, as applicable, to form or revise a participating area (“PA”) and has identified the acreage of each lease within each spacing unit (“Pooled Area”) to be included in the application(s), as described in Exhibit B.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

8. OCD has jurisdiction to issue this Order pursuant to the Oil and Gas Act, NMSA 1978, §§ 70-2-6, 70-2-11, 70-2-12, 70-2-16, and 70-2-17, and 19.15.12 NMAC.

9. Applicant satisfied the notice requirements for the Application in accordance with 19.15.12.10(A)(2), (C)(4)(c), and (C)(4)(e) NMAC, as applicable.
10. Applicant's proposed method of allocation, as modified herein, complies with 19.15.12.10(B)(1) or (C)(1) NMAC, as applicable.
11. Commingling of oil and gas production from state, federal, or tribal leases shall not commence until approved by the BLM or NMSLO, as applicable, in accordance with 19.15.12.10(B)(3) and (C)(4)(h) NMAC.
12. By granting the Application with the conditions specified below, this Order prevents waste and protects correlative rights, public health, and the environment.

ORDER

1. Applicant is authorized to surface commingle and off-lease measure oil and gas production from the pools, leases, and wells identified in Exhibit A.
2. This Order supersedes Order PLC-649.
3. No later than sixty (60) days after the BLM or NMSLO, as applicable, approves Applicant's paying well determination for a well, Applicant shall submit to the BLM or NMSLO an application to form or revise a PA that includes the Pooled Area as defined in Applicant's Form C-102 and Exhibit B ("PA Application"). If Applicant fails to submit the PA Application, this Order shall terminate on the following day. No later than sixty (60) days after the BLM or NMSLO approves or denies the PA Application, Applicant shall submit Form C-103 to OCD with a copy of the decision. If Applicant withdraws or the BLM or NMSLO denies the PA Application, this Order shall terminate on the date of such action. If the BLM or NMSLO approves but modifies the PA Application, Applicant shall comply with the approved PA, and no later than sixty (60) days after such decision, Applicant shall submit a new surface commingle application to OCD to conform this Order with the approved PA. If OCD denies the new surface commingle application, this Order shall terminate on the date of such action.
4. Applicant shall allocate the oil and gas production to each lease within a Pooled Area in proportion to the acreage that each lease bears to the entire acreage of the Pooled Area described in Exhibit B until the Pooled Area is included in a PA. After a Pooled Area is included in a PA, the oil and gas production from the Pooled Area shall be allocated as required by the BLM's or NMSLO's, as applicable, approval of the PA, including any production that had been allocated previously in accordance with this Order.
5. The allocation of oil and gas production shall be based on the production life of each well as measured for three periods: (a) the initial production period shall be measured from the first production until the earlier of either the peak production rate or thirty (30) days after the first production; (b) the plateau period shall be measured from the end of the initial production period to the peak decline rate; and (c) the decline period shall be measured from the end of the plateau period until the well is plugged and abandoned.

During the initial production period, the oil and gas production for each well identified in Exhibit A shall be allocated using a production curve calculated from a minimum of ten (10) well tests per month, except that any day in which a well test cannot achieve an accurate result due to a temporary change in oil and gas production shall not be included in the computation of time determining the well test schedule. The production curve shall be calculated by interpolating daily production for each day using the known daily production obtained by well tests and shall use a method of interpolation that is at minimum as accurate as maintaining a constant rate of change for each day's production between the known daily production values.

During the plateau period, the oil and gas production for each well identified in Exhibit A shall be allocated using a minimum of three (3) well tests per month.

During the decline period, the oil and gas production for each well identified in Exhibit A shall be allocated as follows: (a) a minimum of three (3) well tests per month when the decline rate is greater than 22% per month; (b) a minimum of two (2) well tests per month when the decline rate is between 22% and 10% per month; and (c) a minimum of one (1) well test per month when the decline rate is less than 10% per month.

Upon OCD's request, Applicant shall submit a Form C-103 to the OCD Engineering Bureau that contains the decline rate curve and other relevant information demonstrating the production life of a well.

Applicant shall conduct a well test by separating and metering the oil and gas production from that well for either (a) a minimum of twenty-four (24) consecutive hours; or (b) a combination of nonconsecutive periods that meet the following conditions: (i) each period shall be a minimum of six (6) hours; and (ii) the total duration of the nonconsecutive periods shall be a minimum of eighteen (18) hours.

The well test requirements of this Order shall be suspended for any well shut-in for a period that continues for more than fifteen (15) days until the well commences production.

6. Applicant shall measure the commingled oil at a central tank battery described in Exhibit A in accordance with 19.15.18.15 NMAC or 19.15.23.8 NMAC.
7. Applicant shall measure the commingled gas at a central delivery point or central tank battery described in Exhibit A in accordance with 19.15.19.9 NMAC, provided however that if the gas is flared, and regardless whether OCD has granted an exception pursuant to 19.15.18.12(B) NMAC, Applicant shall report the gas in accordance with 19.15.18.12(F) NMAC.
8. Applicant shall calibrate the meters used to measure or allocate oil and gas production in accordance with 19.15.12.10(C)(2) NMAC.
9. If the commingling of oil and gas production from any pool, lease, or well reduces the value of the commingled oil and gas production to less than if it had remained segregated, no later than sixty (60) days after the decrease in value has occurred Applicant shall submit a new

surface commingling application to OCD to amend this Order to remove the pool, lease, or well whose oil and gas production caused the decrease in value. If Applicant fails to submit a new application, this Order shall terminate on the following day, and if OCD denies the application, this Order shall terminate on the date of such action.

10. Applicant shall not commence commingling oil or gas production from state, federal, or tribal leases until approved by the BLM or NMSLO, as applicable.
11. OCD retains jurisdiction and reserves the right to modify or revoke this Order as it deems necessary to prevent waste or protect correlative rights, public health, or the environment.

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**ADRIENNE SANDOVAL
DIRECTOR**

AS/dm

DATE: 12/08/2020

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Exhibit A

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Operator: XTO Permian Operating, LLC (373075)

Central Tank Battery: James Ranch Unit DI11 Battery

Central Tank Battery Location (NMPM): SW/4, Section 17, Township 22 South, Range 30 East

Gas Custody Transfer Meter Location (NMPM): SW/4, Section 17, Township 22 South, Range 30 East

Pools

Pool Name	Pool Code
WC 015 G08 S223017 K WOLFCAMP	98344
WILDCAT G-07 S223021G; BONE SPRING	97905

Leases as defined in 19.15.12.7(C) NMAC

Lease	Location (NMPM)	
EO 062928	NW/4 SW/4	Sec 17-T22S-R30E
NMNM 0554239	N/2 S/2	Sec 18-T22S-R30E
NMNM 0554220	N/2 S/2	Sec 13-T22S-R29E
EO 062928	S/2 SW/4	Sec 17-T22S-R30E
NMNM 0554239	S/2 S/2	Sec 18-T22S-R30E
NMNM 0554220	S/2 S/2	Sec 13-T22S-R29E

Wells

Well API	Well Name	Location (NMPM)	Pool Code	Train
30-015-46377	James Ranch Unit DI11 Whitlash 251H	K-17-22S-30E	98344	
30-015-46283	James Ranch Unit DI11 Whitlash 515H	K-17-22S-30E	97905	
30-015-46284	James Ranch Unit DI11 Whitlash A 715H	K-17-22S-30E	97905	

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Exhibit B

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Pooled Areas

Pooled Area	Location (NMPM)		Acres	Pooled Area ID
WC 215H	N/2 S/2 Sec 18, NW/4 SW/4 Sec 17 N/2 S/2 Sec 13	T22S-R30E T22S-R29E	360.34	A
BS 715H	S/2 S/2 Sec 18, S/2 SW/4 Sec 17 S/2 S/2 Sec 13	T22S-R30E T22S-R29E	400.31	B
BS 515H	N/2 S/2 Sec 18, NW/4 SW/4 Sec 17 N/2 S/2 Sec 13	T22S-R30E T22S-R29E	360.34	C

Leases Comprising Pooled Areas

Lease	Location (NMPM)		Acres	Pooled Area ID
EO 062928	NW/4 SW/4	Sec 17-T22S-R30E	40	A
NMNM 0554239	N/2 S/2	Sec 18-T22S-R30E	160.34	A
NMNM 0554220	N/2 S/2	Sec 13-T22S-R29E	160	A
EO 062928	S/2 SW/4	Sec 17-T22S-R30E	80	B
NMNM 0554239	S/2 S/2	Sec 18-T22S-R30E	160.31	B
NMNM 0554220	S/2 S/2	Sec 13-T22S-R29E	160	B
EO 062928	NW/4 SW/4	Sec 17-T22S-R30E	40	C
NMNM 0554239	N/2 S/2	Sec 18-T22S-R30E	160.34	C
NMNM 0554220	N/2 S/2	Sec 13-T22S-R29E	160	C