

**BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
EXAMINER HEARING OCTOBER 17, 2019**

**APPLICATION OF DEVON ENERGY PRODUCTION COMPANY, L.P., FOR A STANDARD  
HORIZONTAL SPACING AND PRORATION UNIT AND COMPULSORY POOLING,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

**Case No. 20792**

Billiken 7-6 Fed Com 5H Well  
Billiken 7-6 Fed Com 6H Well  
Billiken 7-6 Fed Com 7H Well  
Billiken 7-6 Fed Com 8H Well

**Devon Energy Production Company, L.P.**

**HEARING EXHIBITS**

- Exhibit 1: Application
- Exhibit 2: Affidavit of Joe Hammond, Landman, and supporting documents
- Exhibit 3: Affidavit of J. Russell Goodin, Geologist, and supporting documents
- Exhibit 4: Notice Affidavit
- Exhibit 5: Affidavit of Publication

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

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COMPANY LP FOR A HORIZONTAL SPACING UNIT  
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**APPLICATION**

Devon Energy Production Company, L.P., (“Devon”), OGRID No. 6137, through its undersigned attorneys, hereby files this Application with the Oil Conservation Division pursuant to the provisions of NMSA 1978, Section 70-2-17, for an order (1) creating a standard horizontal spacing and proration unit comprised of Lots 1 – 4 and the E/2 W/2 of Section 6 and Lots 1 – 4 and the E/2 W/2 of Section 7, Township 26 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, encompassing 644.08 acres, more or less, and (2) pooling all uncommitted mineral interests in the Wolfcamp formation (WC-025 G-09 S263504N; WOLFCAMP [98117]) underlying said unit.

In support of its Application, Devon states the following:

1. Devon is a working interest owner in the proposed horizontal spacing and proration unit (“HSU”) and has a right to drill a well thereon.
2. Devon proposes to dedicate the HSU to its **Billiken 7-6 Fed Com 6H Well**, proposed to be horizontally drilled from a surface location in SW/4 SW/4 (Lot 4) of Section 7, approximately 294’ FSL and 1,248’ FWL, to a bottom hole location in the NW/4 NW/4 (Lot 1) of Section 6, approximately 20’ FNL and 1000’ FWL. The **Billiken 7-6 Fed Com 6H Well** is the Defining Well for the HSU.



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3. Devon also proposes the following infill wells to be drilled in the HSU: **Billiken 7-6 Fed Com 5H Well; Billiken 7-6 Com 7H Well; and Billiken 7-6 Fed Com 8H Well.**

4. The **Billiken 7-6 Fed Com 5H Well** is proposed to be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the SW/4 SW/4 (Lot 4) of Section 7, approximately 294' FSL and 1,218' FWL, to a bottom hole location in the NW/4 NW/4 (Lot 1) of Section 6, approximately 20' FNL and 360' FWL.

5. The **Billiken 7-6 Fed Com 7H Well** is proposed to be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the SE/4 SW/4 (Unit N) of Section 7, approximately 294' FSL and 2,191' FWL, to a bottom hole location in the NE/4 NW/4 (Unit C) of Section 6, approximately 20' FNL and 1,640' FWL.

6. The **Billiken 7-6 Fed Com 8H Well** is proposed to be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the SE/4 SW/4 (Unit N) of Section 7, approximately 294' FSL and 2,221' FWL, to a bottom hole location in the NE/4 NW/4 (Unit C) of Section 6, approximately 20' FNL and 2280' FWL.

7. The completed intervals and first and last take points for all wells proposed in the HSU meet the setback requirements set forth in the Division's statewide rules and regulations for horizontal oil wells. To the extent necessary, Devon will incorporate proximity tracts, pursuant to 19.15.16.15(B)(1)(b) NMAC, into its HSU, such that the completed interval for the wells will adhere to requirements of the statewide rules.

8. Devon has sought in good faith, but has been unable to obtain, voluntary agreement from all interest owners to participate in the drilling of the wells or in the commitment of their interests to the wells for their development within the proposed HSU.

9. The pooling of all interests in the Wolfcamp formation within the proposed HSU, and creation of the spacing unit, will avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

10. In order to provide for its just and fair share of the oil and gas underlying the subject lands, Devon requests that all uncommitted interests in this HSU be pooled and that Devon be designated the operator of the proposed horizontal wells and HSU.

11. Because the proposed wells will be drilled and completed with other proposed wells, as part of a simultaneous drilling and completion project, Devon requests an extension of the normal 120-day period to drill and complete the initial well.

WHEREFORE, Devon requests that this Application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on October 3, 2019, and after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order:

A. Approving the creation of a standard horizontal spacing and proration unit comprising Lots 1 – 4 and the E/2 W/2 of Section 6 and Lots 1 – 4 and the E/2 W/2 of Section 7, Township 26 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, encompassing 644.08 acres, more or less;

B. Pooling all uncommitted mineral interests in the Wolfcamp formation (WC-025 G-09 S263504N; WOLFCAMP [98117]) underlying the proposed HSU.

C. Designating the Billiken 7-6 Fed Com 6H Well as the defining well for the HSU.

D. Allowing the drilling of the Billiken 7-6 Fed Com 5H Well; Billiken 7-6 Com 7H Well; and Billiken 7-6 Fed Com 8H Well as infill wells.

E. Designating Devon as operator of this HSU and the horizontal wells to be drilled thereon;

F. Authorizing Devon to recover its costs of drilling, equipping and completing these wells;

G. Approving actual operating charges and costs of supervision while drilling and after completion, together with a provision adjusting the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedures;

H. Setting a 200% charge for the risk assumed by Devon in drilling and completing the wells in the event a working interest owner elects not to participate in the wells; and

I. Authorizing an extension of the normal 120-day period to drill and complete the initial well.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Case No. 20792: Application of Devon Energy Production Company L.P. for a Horizontal Spacing and Proration Unit and Compulsory Pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks an order from the Division: (1) creating a standard horizontal spacing and proration unit comprised of Lots 1 – 4 and the E/2 W/2 of Section 6 and Lots 1 – 4 and the E/2 W/2 of Section 7, Township 26 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, encompassing 644.08 acres, more or less, and (2) pooling all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp formation (WC-025 G-09 S263504N; WOLFCAMP [98117]) underlying the unit. Said horizontal spacing unit is to be dedicated to the proposed Billiken 7-6 Fed Com 6H Well, to be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the SW/4 SW/4 (Lot 4) of Section 7, approximately 294' FSL and 1,248' FWL, to a bottom hole location in the NW/4 NW/4 (Lot 1) of Section 6, approximately 20' FNL and 1000' FWL. This well defines the HSU. Also proposed to be drilled are: (1) Billiken 7-6 Fed Com 5H Well to be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the SW/4 SW/4 (Lot 4) of Section 7, 294' FSL and 1,218' FWL, to a bottom hole location in the NW/4 NW/4 (Lot 1) of Section 6, approximately 20' FNL and 360' FWL; (2) Billiken 7-6 Fed Com 7H Well to be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the SE/4 SW/4 (Unit N) of Section 7, approximately 294' FSL and 2,191' FWL, to a bottom hole location in the NE/4 NW/4 (Unit C) of Section 6, approximately 20' FNL and 1,640' FWL; and (3) Billiken 7-6 Fed Com 8H Well to be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the SE/4 SW/4 (Unit N) of Section 7, approximately 294' FSL and 2,221' FWL, to a bottom hole location in the NE/4 NW/4 (Unit C) of Section 6, approximately 20' FNL and 2280' FWL. The completed intervals and first take and last take points for all wells proposed in the unit meet the Division's statewide setback requirements for horizontal oil wells; to the extent necessary, Devon will utilize proximity tracts. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing the wells and the allocation of the costs thereof; actual operating costs and charges for supervision; the designation of the Applicant as Operator of the wells; and a 200% charge for the risk involved in drilling and completing the wells. The wells and lands are located approximately 4 miles southwest of Eunice, New Mexico.