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December 16, 2020

Marathon Oil Permian, LLC  
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**RE: Request for Time Extension to Commence drilling**  
Case No. 20945, R-21060 approved date January 31, 2020  
Deadline to commence drilling January 31, 2021  
Applicant/Operator: Marathon Oil Permian, LLC  
Proposed Well:  
Ares 7 SB Fee Well No. 7H, API No. 30-015-Pending

Dear Sir or Madam:

The following pertains to your request received by the Division on December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and to the requirements in the captioned hearing order.

You have requested an extension of the deadline to commence drilling given by the Division in the captioned order.

As stated, you are requesting an extension to spud this well due to “changes in Marathon’s drilling schedule due to COVID-19 and current market conditions”. There was no opposition in the captioned case. You are requesting an additional year in which to spud this well. The spud date is now extended to, **January 31, 2022.**

The requested additional year in which to commence drilling is hereby granted.

All other provisions of this order remain in full force and effect.

Sincerely,

ADRIENNE SANDOVAL  
Director  
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CC: Oil Conservation Division



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**Re: Drilling Extension Request for:**

**APPLICATION OF MARATHON OIL PERMIAN LLC FOR  
COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

**CASE NO. 20945  
ORDER NO. R-21060**

Dear OCD:

Marathon Oil Permian, LLC (“Marathon”) respectfully requests a one (1) year extension to drill the well under Order No. R-21060 (the “Order”). This extension is being requested because there have been changes in Marathon’s drilling schedule due to COVID-19 and current market conditions. The well and lands impacted by this extension are the following:

**WELL:** Ares 7 SB Fee 7H, API No. Pending

**LANDS:** 160-acre (more or less) spacing unit underlying the E/2 W/2 of Section 7, Township 23 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico

The Order was issued on January 31, 2020, and requires Marathon to commence drilling on or before January 31, 2021. Order R-21060, p. 3, ¶ 4. Marathon requests an additional one-year period in which to commence drilling the listed well, the extended period to expire January 31, 2022.

The Order states that Marathon may request a written extension of time from the Division Director “pursuant to a written request stating its reasons for such extension and attaching satisfactory evidence.” See Order R-21060, p. 3, ¶ 5.

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The Order also states that Marathon “shall provide a copy of any request for extension of time to drill or complete any well filed with the Director pursuant to this order to each pooled working interest owner who has elected to participate in the drilling of any well that is the subject of the request.” *See* Order R-21060, p. 3, ¶ 7. Marathon has reviewed its records and there are no pooled working interest owner who have elected to participate in the drilling of the wells subject to this order and therefore no notice is required under the terms of the Order.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Deana M. Bennett". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Deana M. Bennett

*Attorney for Marathon Oil Permian LLC*