

BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

APPLICATION OF MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY
FOR A NON-STANDARD OIL SPACING AND
PRORATION UNIT AND COMPULSORY POOLING,
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

Case No. 14877

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APPLICATION

Mewbourne Oil Company applies for an order (i) approving a non-standard oil spacing and proration unit in the Yeso formation comprised of Lot 3, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ (the E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$) of Section 5, Township 20 South, Range 25 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico, and (ii) pooling all mineral interests in the Yeso formation underlying the non-standard unit, and in support thereof, states:

1. Applicant is an interest owner in the E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 5, and has the right to drill a well thereon.
2. Applicant proposes to drill its West Draw 5 NC Well No. 1 to a depth sufficient to test the Yeso formation. Applicant seeks to dedicate the E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 5 to the well to form a non-standard 160.11 acre oil spacing and proration unit (project area) for all pools or formations developed on 40 acre spacing. The well is a horizontal well, with a surface location in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of adjoining Section 8, and a terminus in Lot 3 of Section 5.
3. Applicant has in good faith sought to obtain the voluntary joinder of all other mineral interest owners in the E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 5 for the purposes set forth herein.
4. Although applicant attempted to obtain voluntary agreements from all mineral interest owners to participate in the drilling of the well or to otherwise commit their interests to the well, certain interest owners have failed or refused to join in dedicating their interests.

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Therefore, applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interest owners in the E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 5, pursuant to NMSA 1978 §§70-2-17, 18.

5. Approval of the non-standard unit and the pooling of all mineral interests underlying the E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 5 will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste, and protect correlative rights.

WHEREFORE, applicant requests that, after notice and hearing, the Division enter its order:

- A. Approving a non-standard oil spacing and proration unit (project area) in the Yeso formation comprised of the E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 5;
- B. Pooling all mineral interests in the Yeso formation underlying the E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 5;
- C. Designating applicant as operator of the well;
- D. Considering the cost of drilling and completing the well, and allocating the cost among the well's working interest owners;
- E. Approving actual operating charges and costs charged for supervision, together with a provision adjusting the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedure; and
- F. Setting a 200% charge for the risk involved in drilling and completing the well in the event a working interest owner elects not to participate in the well.

Respectfully submitted,



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