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Florene Davidson Oil Conservation Division 1220 South St. Francis Drive Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505 Case 14920

Dear Florene:

Enclosed for filing, on behalf of Mewbourne Oil Company, are an original and one copy of an application for compulsory pooling, *etc.* together with a proposed advertisement. The advertisement has also been e-mailed to the Division. Please set the application for the November 1, 2012 Examiner hearing. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

James Bruce

Attorney for Mewbourne Oil Company

Parties Being Pooled

ExxonMobil Corporation c/o XTO Energy Inc. 810 Houston Street Fort Worth, Texas 76102 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. 14920

APPLICATION

Mewbourne Oil Company applies for an order (i) approving a non-standard oil spacing and proration unit in the Bone Spring formation comprised of the N½S½ of Section 34, Township 18 South, Range 30 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico, and (ii) pooling all mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying the NE¼SE¼ of Section 34, and the Bone Spring formation underlying the non-standard unit, and in support thereof, states:

- 1. Applicant is an interest owner in the $N\frac{1}{2}S\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 34, and has the right to drill a well thereon.
- 2. Applicant proposes to drill its Dorado 34 Fed. Com. Well No. 1 to a depth sufficient to test the Bone Spring formation. Applicant seeks to dedicate (i) the NE¼SW¼ of Section 34 to the well to form a standard 40 acre oil spacing and proration unit, and (ii) the N½S½ of Section 34 to the well to form a non-standard 160 acre oil spacing and proration unit (project area), in the Bone Spring formation, for all pools developed on 40 acre spacing. The well is a horizontal well, with a surface location in the NE¼SE¼, and a terminus in the NW¼SW¼, of Section 34.
- 3. Applicant has in good faith sought to obtain the voluntary joinder of all other mineral interest owners in the N½S½ of Section 34 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.

Therefore, applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interest owners in the N½S½ of Section 34, pursuant to NMSA 1978 §§70-2-17, 18.

5. Approval of the non-standard unit, and the pooling of all mineral interests underlying the N½S½ of Section 34, 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 Bone Spring formation comprised of the N½S½ of Section 34;
- B. Pooling all mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying the $NE\frac{1}{4}SW\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 34 and the $N\frac{1}{2}S\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 34;
- 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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PROPOSED ADVERTISEMENT

Case No. 14920 :

Application of Mewbourne Oil Company for a non-standard oil spacing and proration unit and compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Mewbourne Oil Company seeks an order approving an 160-acre non-standard oil spacing and proration unit (project area) in the Bone Spring formation comprised of the N/2S/2 of Section 34, Township 18 South, Range 30 East, NMPM. Applicant further seeks the pooling of all mineral interests in (i) the Bone Spring formation underlying the NE/4SE/4 of Section 34 to form a standard 40 acre oil spacing and proration unit, and (ii) the Bone Spring formation underlying the N/2S/2 of Section 34 to form a non-standard 160 acre oil spacing and proration unit (project area) for all pools or formations developed on 40 acre spacing within that vertical extent. The units are to be dedicated to the Dorado 34 Fed. Com. Well No. 1, a horizontal well with a surface location in the NE/4SE/4, and a terminus in the NW/4SW/4, of Section 34. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing the well and the allocation of the cost thereof, as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a 200% charge for the risk involved in drilling and completing the well. The units are located approximately 8-1/2 miles south of Loco Hills, New Mexico.

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