

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

**APPLICATION OF RKI EXPLORATION
AND PRODUCTION FOR COMPULSORY
POOLING AND APPROVAL OF AN UNORTHODOX
WELL LOCATION, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

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APPLICATION

RKI Exploration and Production, ("RKI") through its undersigned attorneys, hereby files this application with the Oil Conservation Division pursuant to the provisions of N.M. Stat. Ann. § 70-2-17, for an order (1) pooling all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying the E/2 of Section 17, Township 26 South, Range 30 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico; and (2) approving an unorthodox well location for the proposed well. In support of its application, RKI states:

1. RKI Exploration and Production (OGRID No. 246289) is a working interest owner in the E/2 of Section 17 and has the right to drill thereon.

2. RKI proposes to dedicate the above-referenced spacing and proration unit as the project area for its **RDX Federal Com 17 26H Well**, which will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the SW/4 SE/4 (Unit O) to a non-standard bottom hole location in in the NW/4 NE/4 (Unit B) of Section 17. The completed interval for this well will commence 330 feet from the South line, 1980 feet from the East line (Unit O) to a location 330 feet from the North line, 1980 feet from the East line (Unit B) of Section 17.

3. This acreage is subject to the statewide rules for defined gas pools in Eddy County which requires 320-acre spacing and wells to be located no closer than 660 feet to the outer boundary of the quarter section. 19.15.15.10.B NMAC. Rules 19.15.15.13(B) and 19.15.4.12(A)2 NMAC allow the director to grant an exception to the well location requirements.

4. The proposed **RDX Federal Com 17 26H Well** will be unorthodox because the completed interval for this well will be closer than 660 feet to the outer boundary as required by Rule 19.15.15.10.B(1). Specifically, it encroaches on the spacing and proration units to the North and South of Section 17.

5. RKI has sought and been unable to obtain voluntary agreement for the development of these lands from all of the working interest owners in the subject spacing unit.

6. The pooling of interests will avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, will prevent waste and will protect correlative rights.

7. In order to permit RKI to obtain it's just and fair share of the oil and gas underlying the subject lands, all mineral interests in this standard spacing unit should be pooled and RKI Exploration and Production should be designated the operator of this standard spacing and proration unit.

WHEREFORE, RKI requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on July 9, 2015, and, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order:

- A. Approving a 320-acre standard spacing and proration unit in the Wolfcamp formation comprised of the E/2 of Section 17, Township 26 South, Range 30 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico;
- B. Pooling all mineral interests in this standard spacing and proration unit;
- C. Designating RKI Exploration and Production operator of this standard spacing unit and the horizontal well to be drilled thereon;
- D. Authorizing RKI to recover its costs of drilling, equipping and completing the well;
- E. Approving the 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;
- F. Imposing a 200% penalty for the risk assumed by RKI in drilling and completing the well against any working interest owner who does not voluntarily participate in the drilling of the well; and
- G. Approving the unorthodox well location for this initial well.

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Application of RKI Exploration and Production for compulsory pooling and approval of an unorthodox well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying the E/2 of Section 17, Township 26 South, Range 30 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico. This 320-acre standard unit is to be dedicated to applicant's **RDX Federal Com 17 26H Well**, which will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the SW/4 SE/4 (Unit O) to a non-standard bottom hole location in the NW/4 NE/4 (Unit B) of Section 17. The completed interval for this well will commence 330 feet from the South line, 1980 feet from the East line (Unit O) to a location 330 feet from the North line, 1980 feet from the East line (Unit B) of Section 17, thereby encroaching the spacing units to the North and South. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of RKI Exploration and Production as operator of the well and a 200% charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located approximately 9.5 miles Southwest of Ross Place, New Mexico.