

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

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

2017 OCT 16
CASE NO. 15794

APPLICATION

Matador Production Company, ("Matador") (OGRID No. 228937), 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) creating a 160-acre, more or less, spacing and proration unit comprised of the N/2 N/2 of Section 32, Township 20 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico; and (2) pooling all uncommitted mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation. In support of its application, Matador states:

1. Matador Production Company's affiliate entity is a working interest owner in the proposed non-standard spacing unit has the right to drill thereon.
2. Matador proposes to dedicate the above-referenced spacing and proration unit as the project area for its proposed **Pennzoil 32 Fed No. 131H Well**, which will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the NW/4 NW/4 (Unit D) of Section 33 to a standard bottom hole location in the NW/4 NW/4 (Unit D) of Section 32.
3. The completed interval for this well will remain within the 330-foot standard offset required by the Statewide Rules set forth in 19.15.15 NMAC.

4. Matador 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.

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

6. In order to permit Matador to obtain its just and fair share of the oil and gas underlying the subject lands, all uncommitted mineral interests in this non-standard spacing unit should be pooled and Matador Production Company should be designated the operator of this proposed horizontal well and spacing unit.

WHEREFORE, Matador requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on August 17, 2017, and, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order:

- A. Creating a 160-acre, more or less, non-standard spacing and proration unit in the Bone Spring formation, comprised of the N/2 N/2 of Section 32, Township 20 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico;
- B. Pooling all uncommitted interests in the non-standard spacing and proration unit;
- C. Designating Matador Production Company operator of this non-standard spacing unit and the horizontal well to be drilled thereon;
- D. Authorizing Matador Production Company to recover its costs of drilling, completing, and equipping 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; and

- F. Imposing a 200% penalty for the risk assumed by Matador in drilling and completing the well against any working interest owner who does not voluntarily participate in the drilling of the well.

Respectfully submitted,

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CASE 15794:

Application of Matador Production Company for a non-standard spacing and proration unit and compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks an order (1) creating a non-standard, 160-acre, more or less, spacing and proration unit comprised of the N/2 N/2 of Section 32, Township 20 South, Range 29 East, Eddy County, New Mexico and (2) pooling all uncommitted interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying this acreage. Said non-standard unit is to be dedicated to applicant's proposed **Pennzoil 32 Fed No. 131H Well**, which will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the NW/4 NW/4 (Unit D) of Section 33 to a standard bottom hole location in the NW/4 NW/4 (Unit D) of Section 32. The completed interval for this well will remain within the 330-foot standard offset required by the rules. 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 Matador Production Company as operator of the well and a 200% charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located approximately 11 miles northeast of Carlsbad, NM.