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Case 16097

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Re: Application of Advance Energy Partners Hat Mesa, LLC for a Non-Standard Oil Spacing and Proration Unit and Compulsory Pooling, Lea County, New Mexico – Stock Unit #601H

Dear Ms. Davidson:

Enclosed please find for filing the original and one copy of an Application regarding the above matter. Also enclosed is the proposed advertisement which will be emailed to you in Word format. Please set this matter for hearing on the May 3, 2018 examiner docket.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

J. Scott Hall

Enclosures

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BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**APPLICATION OF ADVANCE ENERGY PARTNERS
HAT MESA, LLC FOR A NON-STANDARD OIL SPACING
AND PRORATION UNIT AND COMPULSORY POOLING,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

Case No. _____

APPLICATION

Advance Energy Partners Hat Mesa, LLC applies for an order approving a 320-acre ± non-standard oil spacing and proration unit in the Bone Spring formation comprised of the E/2 W/2 of Section 15 and the E/2 W/2 of Section 21, Township 21 South, Range 33 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, and pooling all mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying the non-standard unit. In support thereof, Applicant states:

1. Applicant is an interest owner in the E/2 W/2 of Section 15 and the E/2 W/2 of Section 21, and has the right to drill a well thereon.
2. Applicant proposes to drill its **Stock Unit #601H** well to a depth sufficient to test the 3rd Bone Spring formation. Applicant seeks to dedicate the E/2 W/2 of Section 15 and the E/2 W/2 of Section 21 to the well to form a non-standard 320-acre oil spacing and proration unit (project area) in the Bone Spring formation. The well is a 2-mile horizontal well, with a surface location 100 feet from the north line and 1,650 feet from the west line of Section 15 and a bottom hole location 330 feet from the south line and 1,650 feet from the west line of Section 21.
3. Applicant has in good faith sought to obtain the voluntary joinder of all other mineral interest owners in the Bone Spring formation within the indicated depths in the E/2 W/2 of Section 15 and the E/2 W/2 of Section 21 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 Bone Spring formation in the E/2 W/2 of Section 15 and the E/2 W/2 of Section 21, pursuant to NMSA 1978, §§ 70-2-17, 18.

5. Approval of the non-standard unit and the pooling of all mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying the E/2 W/2 of Section 15 and the E/2 W/2 of Section 21 will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste, and protect correlative rights.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that this application be set for hearing on May 3, 2018 and that, following 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 E/2 W/2 of Section 15 and the E/2 W/2 of Section 21;

B. Pooling all mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying the proposed non-standard unit;

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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Case No. 16692: Application of Advance Energy Partners Hat Mesa, LLC for a non-standard oil spacing and proration unit and compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order approving a non-standard 320-acre± oil spacing and proration unit in the Bone Spring Formation (97895) comprised of the E/2 W/2 of Section 15 and the E/2 W/2 of Section 21, Township 21 South, Range 33 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, and pooling all mineral interests underlying the non-standard unit. The unit will be dedicated to Applicant's proposed **Stock Unit #601H** well to be drilled from an approximate surface location 100 feet from the north line and 1,650 feet from the west line of Section 15, Township 21 South, Range 33 East to a bottomhole location 330 feet from the south line and 1,650 feet from the west line of Section 21, Township 21 South, Range 33 East, NMPM. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing the well and the allocation of the cost, the designation of Applicant as Operator of the well, and a 200% charge for the risk of drilling and completing the well. The well and lands are located approximately 2.5 miles northeast of Hat Mesa, New Mexico.