

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

**APPLICATION OF MARATHON
OIL PERMIAN LLC FOR A NON-STANDARD
SPACING AND PRORATION UNIT AND
COMPULSORY POOLING,
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

CASE NO. 16304

APPLICATION

Marathon Oil Permian LLC ("Marathon"), OGRID Number 372098, through its undersigned attorneys, hereby makes an application to the Oil Conservation Division pursuant to the provisions of NMSA (1978), Section 70-2-17, for an order: (1) creating a 640-acre, more or less, spacing and proration unit covering the S/2 of Sections 7 and 8, Township 23 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico; and, (2) pooling all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying the spacing and proration unit. In support of this application, Marathon states as follows:

1. Marathon is an interest owner in the subject lands and has a right to drill a well thereon.
2. Marathon seeks to dedicate the S/2 of Sections 7 and 8, Township 23 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico to the proposed wells to form a 640-acre, more or less, spacing and proration unit.

3. Marathon plans to drill the **Crossbow 23 27 8 WXY 2H** and **Crossbow 23 27 8 WA 4H** wells to a depth sufficient to test the Wolfcamp formation. These wells will be horizontally drilled using the same drilling rig.

4. These wells will be located within the Purple Sage Wolfcamp Gas Pool, which is subject to special pool rules that establish 330 foot setback requirements. The producing intervals that Marathon seeks to drill will comply with the 330 foot setback requirements.

5. Marathon sought, but has been unable to obtain a voluntary agreement from all interest owners in the Wolfcamp formation underlying the proposed spacing and proration unit to participate in the drilling of the wells or to otherwise commit their interests to the wells.

6. The creation of the unit and pooling of all interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying the proposed spacing and proration unit will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

WHEREFORE, Marathon requests this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on July 12, 2018, and after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter its order:

A. Creating a spacing and proration unit in the Wolfcamp formation comprised of the S/2 of Sections 7 and 8, Township 23 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico;

B. Pooling all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying this spacing and proration unit;

C. Designating Marathon as operator of this unit and the wells to be drilled thereon;

D. Authorizing Marathon to recover its costs of drilling, equipping and completing these wells;

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 wells in the event a working interest owner elects not to participate in the wells.

Respectfully submitted,

MODRALL, SPERLING, ROEHL, HARRIS
& SISK, P.A.

By: _____

Earl E. DeBrine, Jr.

Jennifer Bradfute

Deana M. Bennett

Post Office Box 2168

500 Fourth Street NW, Suite 1000

Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103-2168

Telephone: 505.848.1800

Attorneys for Applicant

CASE NO. _____: **Application of Marathon Oil Permian LLC for a non-standard spacing and proration unit and compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order from the Division: (1) creating a 640-acre, more or less, spacing and proration unit in covering the S/2 of Sections 7 and 8, Township 23 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico; and, (2) pooling all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying this proposed spacing and proration unit. This proposed spacing and proration unit will be the unit for the **Crossbow 23 27 8 WXY 2H** and **Crossbow 23 27 8 WA 4H** wells, to be horizontally drilled. The producing area for these wells will be orthodox. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said wells, the allocation of these costs as well as the actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of Marathon as operator of the wells, and a 200% charge for risk involved in drilling said wells. Said area is located approximately 8 miles southwest of Carlsbad, New Mexico.