

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

APPLICATION OF MARATHON
OIL PERMIAN LLC FOR APPROVAL
OF A SPACING UNIT AND COMPULSORY
POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO. 20134

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) to the extent necessary, approving the creation of a 320-acre, more or less, spacing unit covering the E/2 of Section 6, Township 22 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico; and 2) pooling all uncommitted mineral interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying this spacing 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 wells thereon.
2. Marathon seeks to dedicate the E/2 of Section 6, Township 22 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, to form a 320-acre, more or less, spacing unit.
3. Marathon plans to drill the **Green Naugahyde 6 WA F 12H**, **Green Naugahyde 6 WA F 1H**, **Green Naugahyde 6 WXY F 7H**, and **Green Naugahyde 6 WXY F 13H** wells to a depth sufficient to test the Wolfcamp formation. This well will be horizontally drilled.
4. These wells will comply with the Division's 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 unit to participate in the drilling of the wells or to otherwise commit their interests to the wells.

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

7. Marathon further requests that it be allowed one (1) year between the time the wells are drilled and completion of the wells.

WHEREFORE, Marathon requests this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on December 6, 2018, and after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter its order:

A. To the extent necessary, approving the creation of a 320-acre, more or less, spacing unit covering the E/2 of Section 6, Township 22 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico;

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

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 wells.

G. Allowing a period of one (1) year between when the wells are drilled and when the wells are completed under the order.

Respectfully submitted,

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CASE NO. _____: Application of Marathon Oil Permian LLC for a spacing unit and compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order from the Division: (1) to the extent necessary, approving the creation of a 320-acre, more or less, spacing unit covering the E/2 of Section 6, Township 22 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico; and (2) pooling all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying this spacing unit. This proposed spacing unit will be dedicated to the **Green Naugahyde 6 WA F 12H, Green Naugahyde 6 WA F 1H, Green Naugahyde 6 WXY F 7H, and Green Naugahyde 6 WXY F 13H** 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, and allowing a one year period between when the wells is drilled and when the wells is completed. Said area is located approximately 24 miles Northeast of Loving, New Mexico.