

BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

**APPLICATION OF MATADOR PRODUCTION
COMPANY FOR COMPULSORY POOLING,
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

Case No. 20327

APPLICATION

Matador Production Company applies for an order pooling all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying a horizontal spacing unit comprised of the W/2 of Section 9 and the W/2 of Section 16, Township 23 South, Range 28 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico, and in support thereof, states:

1. Applicant is an operator in the W/2 of Section 9 and the W/2 of Section 16, and has the right to drill a well or wells thereon.
2. Applicant proposes to drill the following wells to a depth sufficient to test the Wolfcamp formation (Purple Sage-Wolfcamp Gas Pool):
 - (a) The Jack Sleeper Com. Well No. 201H, with a first take point in the SW/4SW/4 of Section 16 and a final take point in the NW/4NW/4 of Section 9;
 - (b) The Jack Sleeper Com. Well No. 215H, with a first take point in the SW/4SW/4 of Section 16 and a final take point in the NW/4NW/4 of Section 9;
 - (c) The Jack Sleeper Com. Well No. 221H, with a first take point in the SW/4SW/4 of Section 16 and a final take point in the NW/4NW/4 of Section 9;
 - (d) The Jack Sleeper Com. Well No. 202H, with a first take point in the SE/4SW/4 of Section 16 and a final take point in the NE/4NW/4 of Section 9; and
 - (e) The Jack Sleeper Com. Well No. 222H, with a first take point in the SE/4SW/4 of Section 16 and a final take point in the NE/4NW/4 of Section 9.

Applicant will dedicate the W/2 of Section 9 and the W/2 of Section 16 to the wells.

3. Applicant has in good faith sought to obtain the voluntary joinder of all other mineral interest owners in the W/2 of Section 9 and the W/2 of Section 16 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 wells or to otherwise commit their interests to the wells, 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 W/2 of Section 9 and the W/2 of Section 16, pursuant to NMSA 1978 §70-2-17.

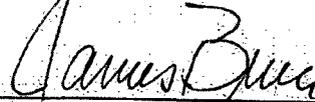
5. The pooling of all mineral interests underlying the W/2 of Section 9 and the W/2 of Section 16 will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste, and protect correlative rights.

WHEREFORE, applicant requests that, after notice and hearing, the Division enter its order:

- A. Pooling all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying the W/2 of Section 9 and the W/2 of Section 16;
- B. Designating applicant as operator of the wells;
- C. Considering the cost of drilling and completing the wells, and allocating the cost among the wells' working interest owners;
- D. Allowing one year between spudding and completion of the wells drilled in the unit;
- 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,



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