

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

**IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION FOR
COMPULSORY POOLING SUBMITTED BY
FRANKLIN MOUNTAIN ENERGY, LLC**

**CASE NO. 20984
ORDER NO. R-21172**

ORDER

The Director of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("OCD"), having heard this matter through a Hearing Examiner on January 9, 2020, and after considering the testimony, evidence, and recommendation of the Hearing Examiner, issues the following Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC ("Operator") submitted an application ("Application") to compulsory pool the uncommitted oil and gas interests within the spacing unit ("Unit") described in Exhibit A. The Unit is expected to be a standard horizontal spacing unit. 19.15.16.15(B) NMAC. Operator seeks to be designated the operator of the Unit.
2. Operator will dedicate the well(s) described in Exhibit A ("Well(s)") to the Unit.
3. Operator proposes the supervision and risk charges for the Well(s) described in Exhibit A.
4. Operator identified the owners of uncommitted interests in oil and gas minerals in the Unit and provided evidence that notice was given.
5. The Application was heard by the Hearing Examiner on the date specified above, during which Operator presented evidence through affidavits in support of the Application. No other party presented evidence at the hearing.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

6. OCD has jurisdiction to issue this Order pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 70-2-17.
7. Operator is the owner of an oil and gas working interest within the Unit.
8. Operator satisfied the notice requirements for the Application and the hearing as required by 19.15.4.12 NMAC.
9. OCD satisfied the notice requirements for the hearing as required by 19.15.4.9 NMAC.
10. Operator has the right to drill the Well(s) to a common source of supply at the described depth(s) and location(s) in the Unit.
11. The Unit contains separately owned uncommitted interests in oil and gas minerals.
12. Some of the owners of the uncommitted interests have not agreed to commit their interests to the Unit.
13. The pooling of uncommitted interests in the Unit will prevent waste and protect correlative rights, including the drilling of unnecessary wells.
14. This Order affords to the owner of an uncommitted interest the opportunity to produce his just and equitable share of the oil or gas in the pool.

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15. The uncommitted interests in the Unit are pooled as set forth in Exhibit A.
16. The Unit shall be dedicated to the Well(s) set forth in Exhibit A.
17. Operator is designated as operator of the Unit and the Well(s).
18. If the Surface Location or Bottom Hole Location of a well is changed from the location described in Exhibit A, Operator shall submit an amended Exhibit A, which the Division shall append to this Order.
19. If the location of a well will be unorthodox under the spacing rules in effect at the time of completion, Operator shall obtain the OCD's approval for a non-standard location before commencing production of the well.

20. The Operator shall commence drilling the initial well within one (1) year after the date of this Order; and (b) for an infill well, no later than thirty (30) days after completion of the well.
21. Operator shall comply with the infill well requirements in 19.15.13.9 NMAC through 19.15.13.12 NMAC.
22. This Order shall terminate automatically if Operator fails to comply with Paragraphs 20 or 21.
23. Operator shall submit to OCD and each owner of a working interest in the pool ("Pooled Working Interest") an itemized schedule of estimated costs to drill, complete, and equip the well ("Estimated Well Costs") no later than: (a) for an initial well, no later than thirty (30) days after the date of this Order; (b) for an infill well proposed by Operator, no later than (30) days after the later of the initial notice period pursuant to 19.15.13.10(B) NMAC or the extension granted by the OCD Director pursuant 19.15.13.10(D) NMAC; or (c) for an infill well proposed by an owner of a Pooled Working Interest, no later than thirty (30) days after expiration of the last action required by 19.15.13.11 NMAC.
24. No later than thirty (30) days after Operator submits the Estimated Well Costs, the owner of a Pooled Working Interest shall elect whether to pay its share of the Estimated Well Costs or its share of the actual costs to drill, complete and equip the well ("Actual Well Costs") out of production from the well. An owner of a Pooled Working Interest who elects to pay its share of the Estimated Well Costs shall render payment to Operator no later than thirty (30) days after the expiration of the election period, and shall be liable for operating costs, but not risk charges, for the well. An owner of a Pooled Working Interest who fails to pay its share of the Estimated Well Costs or who elects to pay its share of the Actual Well Costs out of production from the well shall be considered to be a "Non-Consenting Pooled Working Interest."
25. No later than within one hundred eighty (180) days after Operator submits a Form C-105 for a well, Operator shall submit to OCD and each owner of a Pooled Working Interest an itemized schedule of the Actual Well Costs. The Actual Well Costs shall be considered to be the Reasonable Well Costs unless OCD or an owner of a Pooled Working Interest files a written objection no later than forty-five (45) days after receipt of the schedule. If OCD or an owner of a Pooled Working Interest files a timely written objection, OCD shall determine the Reasonable Well Costs after public notice and hearing.
26. No later than sixty (60) days after the later of the expiration of the period to file a written objection to the Actual Well Costs or OCD's order determining the Reasonable Well Costs, each owner of a Pooled Working Interest who paid its share of the Estimated Well Costs shall pay to Operator its share of the Reasonable Well


Costs that exceed the Estimated Well Costs, or Operator shall pay to each owner of a Pooled Working Interest who paid its share of the Estimated Well Costs its share of the Estimated Well Costs that exceed the Reasonable Well Costs.

27. The reasonable charges for supervision to drill and produce a well ("Supervision Charges") shall not exceed the rates specified in Exhibit A, provided however that the rates shall be adjusted annually pursuant to the COPAS form entitled "Accounting Procedure-Joint Operations."
28. No later than within ninety (90) days after Operator submits a Form C-105 for a well, Operator shall submit to OCD and each owner of a Pooled Working Interest an itemized schedule of the reasonable charges for operating and maintaining the well ("Operating Charges"), provided however that Operating Charges shall not include the Reasonable Well Costs or Supervision Charges. The Operating Charges shall be considered final unless OCD or an owner of a Pooled Working Interest files a written objection no later than forty-five (45) days after receipt of the schedule. If OCD or an owner of a Pooled Working Interest files a timely written objection, OCD shall determine the Operating Charges after public notice and hearing.
29. Operator may withhold the following costs and charges from the share of production due to each owner of a Pooled Working Interest who paid its share of the Estimated Well Costs: (a) the proportionate share of the Supervision Charges; and (b) the proportionate share of the Operating Charges.
30. Operator may withhold the following costs and charges from the share of production due to each owner of a Non-Consenting Pooled Working Interest: (a) the proportionate share of the Reasonable Well Costs; (b) the proportionate share of the Supervision and Operating Charges; and (c) the percentage of the Reasonable Well Costs specified as the charge for risk described in Exhibit A.
31. Each year on the anniversary of this Order, and no later than ninety (90) days after each payout, Operator shall provide to OCD and each owner of a Non-Consenting Pooled Working Interest a schedule of the revenue attributable to a well and the Supervision and Operating Costs charged against that revenue.
32. Any cost or charge that is paid out of production shall be withheld only from the share due to an owner of a Pooled Working Interest. No cost or charge shall be withheld from the share due to an owner of a royalty interests. For the purpose of this Order, an unleased mineral interest shall consist of a seven-eighths (7/8) working interest and a one-eighth (1/8) royalty interest.
33. Except as provided above, Operator shall hold the revenue attributable to a well that is not disbursed for any reason for the account of the person(s) entitled to the revenue as provided in the Oil and Gas Proceeds Payment Act, NMSA 1978,

Sections 70-10-1 *et seq.*, and relinquish such revenue as provided in the Uniform Unclaimed Property Act, NMSA 1978, Sections 7-8A-1 *et seq.*

34. The Unit shall terminate if (a) the owners of all Pooled Working Interests reach a voluntary agreement; or (b) the well(s) drilled on the Unit are plugged and abandoned in accordance with the applicable rules. Operator shall inform OCD no later than thirty (30) days after such occurrence.
35. OCD retains jurisdiction of this matter for the entry of such orders as may be deemed necessary.

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ADRIENNE SANDOVAL
DIRECTOR
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Date: February 26, 2020



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Exhibit A

COMPULSORY POOLING APPLICATION CHECKLIST (pdf)	
ALL INFORMATION IN THE APPLICATION MUST BE SUPPORTED BY SIGNED AFFIDAVITS	
Case: 20984	APPLICANT'S RESPONSE
Date: January 9, 2020	
Applicant	Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC
Designated Operator & OGRID (affiliation if applicable)	Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC (373910)
Applicant's Counsel:	Deana M. Bennett/Modrall Sperling
Case Title:	Application of Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC for Compulsory Pooling, Lea County, New Mexico
Entries of Appearance/Intervenors:	Tap Rock/Jim Bruce
Well Family	Carnival: Beauty Queen Fed Com 705H
Formation/Pool	
Formation Name(s) or Vertical Extent:	Wolfcamp
Primary Product (Oil or Gas):	Oil
Pooling this vertical extent:	Wolfcamp
Pool Name and Pool Code:	WC-025-G-09-S253502D-Upper Wolfcamp Pool, Pool Code WC-98187
Well Location Setback Rules:	Statewide rules
Spacing Unit Size:	320 acres
Spacing Unit	
Type (Horizontal/Vertical)	Horizontal
Size (Acres)	320 acres
Building Blocks:	40 acres
Orientation:	North-South
Description: TRS/County	E/2 E/2 of Sections 2 and 11, Township 25 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico
Standard Horizontal Well Spacing Unit (Y/N), If No, describe	Y
Other Situations	
Depth Severance: Y/N. If yes, description	N
Proximity Tracts: If yes, description	N
Proximity Defining Well: if yes, description	N
Applicant's Ownership in Each Tract	Exhibit A (Landman's affidavit page 2); Exhibit 5 (page 24)
Well(s)	
Name & API (if assigned), surface and bottom hole location, footages, completion target, orientation, completion status (standard or non-standard)	Add as needed

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Well #1	Beauty Queen Fed Com 705H, API Pending SHL: 321 feet from the North line and 1285 feet from the East line (Lot 1), Section 2, Township 25 South, Range 35 East, NMPM. BHL: 150 feet from the South line and 760 feet from the East line (Unit P), Section 11, Township 25 South, Range 35 East, NMPM. Completion Target: Upper Wolfcamp at approximately 11,875' TVD. Well Orientation: South to North Completion location: Expected to be standard. See also C-102: Exhibit A-4 page 18.
Well #2	
Horizontal Well First and Last Take Points	Beauty Queen Fed Com 705H: Proposed first take point is 689' FNL and 756' FEL and the proposed last take point is 150' FSL and 760' FEL. See also Exhibit A-4 page 19.
Completion Target (Formation, TVD and MD)	See AFE, Exhibit A-7 (page 31)
AFE Capex and Operating Costs	
Drilling Supervision/Month \$	\$7000: See Affidavit Exhibit A, Page 32.
Production Supervision/Month \$	\$700: See Affidavit Exhibit A, Page 32.
Justification for Supervision Costs	See AFE Exhibits A-7, page 31; See Affidavit Exhibit A, Page 32.
Requested Risk Charge	200%: See Affidavit Exhibit A, Page 32.
Notice of Hearing	
Proposed Notice of Hearing	A-8, specifically pages 33-44.
Proof of Mailed Notice of Hearing (20 days before hearing)	A-8, specifically pages 45-50.
Proof of Published Notice of Hearing (10 days before hearing)	A-8, specifically page 51.
Ownership Determination	
Land Ownership Schematic of the Spacing Unit	A-5 (page 23)

Tract List (including lease numbers and owners)	A-5 (page 24-25)
Pooled Parties (including ownership type)	A-5 (page 24-25)
Unlocatable Parties to be Pooled	A-5 (page 24-25)
Ownership Depth Severance (including percentage above & below)	N/A
Joinder	
Sample Copy of Proposal Letter	N/A: Only seeking to pool ORRI
List of Interest Owners (ie Exhibit A of JOA)	A-5 (page 24-25)
Chronology of Contact with Non-Joined Working Interests	N/A: Only seeking to pool ORRI
Overhead Rates In Proposal Letter	N/A: No proposal letters required to send to ORRI
Cost Estimate to Drill and Complete	A-7 (page 31:AFE)
Cost Estimate to Equip Well	A-7 (page 31:AFE)
Cost Estimate for Production Facilities	A-7 (page 31:AFE)
Geology	
Summary (including special considerations)	Exhibit B, pages 52-56
Spacing Unit Schematic	A-1 (page 8)
Gunbarrel/Lateral Trajectory Schematic	B-10 (page 58)
Well Orientation (with rationale)	B-13 (Page 69)
Target Formation	B-12-C (page 67)
HSU Cross Section	B-12-C (page 67)
Depth Severance Discussion	N/A
Forms, Figures and Tables	
C-102	A-4 (page 18)
Tracts	A-5 (page 23)
Summary of Interests, Unit Recapitulation (Tracts)	A-5 (page 24-25)
General Location Map (including basin)	B-9 (page 57)
Well Bore Location Map	A-1 (page 8)
Structure Contour Map - Subsea Depth	B-12-A (page 65)
Cross Section Location Map (including wells)	B-12-B (page 66)
Cross Section (including Landing Zone)	B-12-C (page 67)
Additional Information	
CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the information provided in this checklist is complete and accurate.	
Printed Name (Attorney or Party Representative):	Deana H. Bennett
Signed Name (Attorney or Party Representative):	Deana H. Bennett
Date:	1/7/2020