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Mark E. Fesmire, P. E.  
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Oil Conservation Division  
New Mexico Department of Energy,  
Minerals and Natural Resources  
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*Case 14474*

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Re: **Application of Mewbourne Oil Company for a non-standard spacing and proration unit and compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.**

Dear Mr. Fesmire:

Enclosed is the Application of Mewbourne Oil Company in the above-referenced case as well as a copy of the legal advertisement. Mewbourne Oil Company requests that this matter be placed on the docket for the May 27, 2010 Examiner hearings.

Very truly yours,

William F. Carr

Enclosures

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY FOR A NON-STANDARD SPACING AND PRORATION UNIT AND COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

CASE NO. 14474

**APPLICATION**

MEWBOURNE ENERGY COMPAMY (“Mewbourne”) through its undersigned attorneys, hereby makes application to the Oil Conservation Division pursuant to the provisions of N.M.Stat. Ann. § 70-2-17, (1978), for an order (1) creating a non-standard spacing unit comprised of the N/2 N/2 of Section 36, Township 19 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, which will be a the Project Area for the Three Palms “36” State Com Well No. 1-H to be horizontally drilled from a surface location 660 feet from the North line and 330 feet from the East line and then in a westerly direction in the Bone Spring formation, Parkway-Bone Spring Pool, to a bottom hole terminus at a location 660 feet from the North line and 330 feet from the West line of said Section 36 and (2) pooling all mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation in this non-standard spacing and proration unit, and in support of its application states:

1. Mewbourne is a working interest owner in the N/2 N/2 of said Section 36 and has the right to drill thereon. Mewbourne has an interest in each of the 40-acre spacing units in this project area and therefore has standing to bring this pooling application.
2. Mewbourne proposes to dedicate the above-referenced spacing and proration unit to its Three Palms “36” State Com Well No. 1-H which it proposes to drill as an oil well from a standard surface location 660 feet from the North line and 330 feet from the East line (Unit A) of said Section 36, and then in a westerly direction in the Bone Spring formation to a bottomhole terminus at a point 660 feet from the North line and 330 feet from the West line (Unit D) of said Section 36.
3. Mewbourne has sought and been unable to obtain a voluntary agreement for the development of these lands from certain interest owners in the subject spacing units who are identified on Exhibit A to this application.

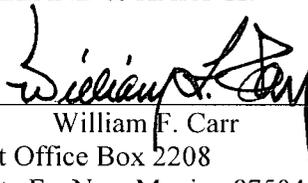
4. Said pooling of interests will avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, will prevent waste and will protect correlative rights.

5. In order to permit the Mewbourne to obtain its just and fair share of the oil and gas underlying the subject lands, all mineral interests should be pooled, and Mewbourne Oil Company should be designated the operator of this non-standard spacing unit and the well to be drilled thereon.

WHEREFORE, Mewbourne Oil Company requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on May 27, 2010 and, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter its order:

- A. creating a non-standard spacing and proration unit in the Bone Spring formation comprised of the N/2 N/2 of Section 36, Township 19 South, Range 29 East, NMPM;
- B. pooling all mineral interests in the subject spacing and proration units;
- C. designating Mewbourne Oil Company operator of this unit and the well to be drilled thereon;
- D. authorizing Mewbourne Oil Company to recover its costs of drilling, equipping and completing the well;
- E. approving the actual operating charges and costs of supervision while drilling and after completion, together with a provision adjusting the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedures; and
- F. imposing a penalty for the risk assumed by Mewbourne Oil Company in drilling and completing the well against any working interest owner who does not voluntarily participate in the drilling of the well.

Respectfully submitted,  
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**EXHIBIT A**

**APPLICATION OF  
MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY  
FOR A NON-STANDARD SPACING AND PRORATION UNIT AND  
COMPULSORY POOLING  
N/2 N/2 OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, N.M.P.M.  
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

**NOTIFICATION LIST**

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**CASE 14474: Application of Mewbourne Oil Company for a non-standard spacing and proration unit and compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.** Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks an order (1) creating a non-standard spacing unit comprised of the N/2 N/2 of Section 36, Township 19 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, and (2) pooling all mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation, Parkway-Bone Spring Pool, in this non-standard spacing and proration unit which spacing unit will be the project area for the Three Palms "36" State Com Well No. 3-H to be horizontally drilled from a surface location 660 feet from the North line and 330 feet from the East line (Unit A) and then in a westerly direction in the Bone Spring formation to a bottom hole terminus at a location 660 feet from the North line and 330 feet from the West line (Unit D) of said Section 36. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of Mewbourne Oil Company as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located approximately 10 miles northeast of Carlsbad, New Mexico.