

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

**APPLICATION FOR SURFACE COMMINGLING  
SUBMITTED BY OXY USA, INC.**

**ORDER NO. PC-1402**

**ORDER**

The Director of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (“OCD”), having considered the application and the recommendation of the OCD Engineering Bureau, issues the following Order.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Oxy USA, Inc. (“Applicant”) submitted a complete application to surface commingle the oil and gas production from the pools, leases, and wells identified in Exhibit A (“Application”).
2. Applicant proposed a method to allocate the oil and gas production to the pools, leases, and wells to be commingled.
3. To the extent that ownership is identical, Applicant submitted a certification by a licensed attorney or qualified petroleum landman that the ownership in the pools, leases, and wells to be commingled is identical as defined in 19.15.12.7.B. NMAC.
4. To the extent that ownership is diverse, Applicant provided notice of the Application to all persons owning an interest in the oil and gas production to be commingled, including the owners of royalty and overriding royalty interests, regardless of whether they have a right or option to take their interests in kind, and those persons either submitted a written waiver or did not file an objection to the Application.
5. Applicant provided notice of the Application to the Bureau of Land Management (“BLM”) or New Mexico State Land Office (“NMSLO”), as applicable.
6. Applicant certified the commingling of oil and gas production from the pools, leases, and wells will not in reasonable probability reduce the value of the oil and gas production to less than if it had remained segregated.
7. Applicant in the notice for the Application stated that it sought authorization to prospectively include additional pools, leases, and wells in accordance with 19.15.12.10.C.(4)(g) NMAC.
8. Applicant stated that it sought authorization to surface commingle and off-lease measure, as applicable, oil and gas production from wells which have not yet been approved to be drilled, but will produce from a pool and lease identified in Exhibit A.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

9. OCD has jurisdiction to issue this Order pursuant to the Oil and Gas Act, NMSA 1978, §§ 70-2-6, 70-2-11, 70-2-12, 70-2-16, and 70-2-17, 19.15.12. NMAC, and 19.15.23. NMAC.

10. Applicant satisfied the notice requirements for the Application in accordance with 19.15.12.10.A.(2) NMAC, 19.15.12.10.C.(4)(c) NMAC, and 19.15.12.10.C.(4)(e) NMAC, as applicable.
11. Applicant satisfied the notice requirements for the Application in accordance with 19.15.23.9.A.(5) NMAC and 19.15.23.9.A.(6) NMAC, as applicable.
12. Applicant's proposed method of allocation, as modified herein, complies with 19.15.12.10.B.(1) NMAC or 19.15.12.10.C.(1) NMAC, as applicable.
13. Commingling of oil and gas production from state, federal, or tribal leases shall not commence until approved by the BLM or NMSLO, as applicable, in accordance with 19.15.12.10.B.(3) NMAC and 19.15.12.10.C.(4)(h) NMAC.
14. Applicant did not give adequate notice that it sought authorization to prospectively include additional pools, leases, or wells as required by 19.15.12.10.C.(4)(g) NMAC.
15. By granting the Application with the conditions specified below, this Order prevents waste and protects correlative rights, public health, and the environment.

### **ORDER**

1. Applicant is authorized to surface commingle oil and gas production from the pools, leases, and wells identified in Exhibit A.

Applicant is authorized to surface commingle oil and gas production from wells not included in Exhibit A but that produce from a pool and lease identified in Exhibit A.

2. The allocation of oil and gas production to wells not included in Exhibit A but that produce from a pool and lease identified in Exhibit A shall be determined in the same manner as to wells identified in Exhibit A that produce from that pool and lease, provided that if more than one allocation method is being used or if there are no wells identified in Exhibit A that produce from the pool and lease, then allocation of oil and gas production to each well not included in Exhibit A shall be determined by OCD prior to commingling production from it with the production from another well.
3. The oil and gas production for each well identified in Exhibit A shall be allocated by conducting a minimum of one (1) well test per month.

Applicant shall conduct a well test by separating and measuring the oil and gas production from that well for a minimum of twenty-four (24) consecutive hours.

The well test requirements of this Order shall be suspended for any well shut-in for a period that continues for more than thirty (30) days until the well commences production.

4. Applicant shall measure and market the commingled oil at a central tank battery described in Exhibit A in accordance with this Order and 19.15.18.15. NMAC or 19.15.23.8. NMAC.
5. Applicant shall measure and market the commingled gas at a well pad, central delivery point, central tank battery, or gas title transfer meter described in Exhibit A in accordance with this

Order and 19.15.19.9. NMAC, provided however that if the gas is vented or flared, and regardless of the reason or authorization pursuant to 19.15.28.8.B. NMAC for such venting or flaring, Applicant shall measure or estimate the gas in accordance with 19.15.28.8.E. NMAC.

6. Applicant shall calibrate the meters used to measure or allocate oil and gas production in accordance with 19.15.12.10.C.(2) NMAC.
7. If the commingling of oil and gas production from any pool, lease, or well reduces the value of the commingled oil and gas production to less than if it had remained segregated, no later than sixty (60) days after the decrease in value has occurred Applicant shall submit a new surface commingling application to OCD to amend this Order to remove the pool, lease, or well whose oil and gas production caused the decrease in value. If Applicant fails to submit a new application, this Order shall terminate on the following day, and if OCD denies the application, this Order shall terminate on the date of such action.
8. Applicant's request for authorization to add pools, leases, and wells prospectively pursuant to 19.15.12.10.C.(4)(g) NMAC is denied.
9. If a well is not included in Exhibit A but produces from a pool and lease identified in Exhibit A, then Applicant shall submit Forms C-102 and C-103 to the OCD Engineering Bureau after the well has been approved to be drilled and prior to off-lease measuring or commingling oil or gas production from it with the production from another well. The Form C-103 shall reference this Order and identify the well, proposed method to determine the allocation of oil and gas production to it, and the location(s) that commingling of its production will occur.
10. Applicant shall not commence commingling oil or gas production from state, federal, or tribal leases until approved by the BLM or NMSLO, as applicable.
11. If OCD determines that Applicant has failed to comply with any provision of this Order, OCD may take any action authorized by the Oil and Gas Act or the New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC).
12. OCD retains jurisdiction of this matter and reserves the right to modify or revoke this Order as it deems necessary.

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**ADRIENNE E. SANDOVAL  
DIRECTOR**

**DATE:** 12/29/2022

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Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

## Exhibit A

Order: **PC-1402**

Operator: **Oxy USA, Inc. (16696)**

Central Tank Battery: **Mule Deer 36 State Battery**

Central Tank Battery Location: **UL B, Section 36, Township 22 South, Range 32 East**

Gas Title Transfer Meter Location: **UL B, Section 36, Township 22 South, Range 32 East**

### Pools

Pool Name	Pool Code
<b>RED TANK; BONE SPRING</b>	<b>51683</b>
<b>RED TANK; DELAWARE, WEST</b>	<b>51689</b>

### Leases as defined in 19.15.12.7(C) NMAC

Lease	UL or Q/Q	S-T-R
<b>VO 38120002</b>	<b>E/2</b>	<b>36-22S-32E</b>

### Wells

Well API	Well Name	UL or Q/Q	S-T-R	Pool
<b>30-025-33014</b>	<b>Mule Deer 36 State #2</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>36-22S-32E</b>	<b>51683</b>
		<b>G</b>	<b>36-22S-32E</b>	<b>51689</b>
<b>30-025-33107</b>	<b>Mule Deer 36 State #4</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>36-22S-32E</b>	<b>51683</b>
		<b>A</b>	<b>36-22S-32E</b>	<b>51689</b>
<b>30-025-33093</b>	<b>Mule Deer 36 State #3</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>36-22S-32E</b>	<b>51683</b>
<b>30-025-33498</b>	<b>Mule Deer 36 State #6</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>36-22S-32E</b>	<b>51683</b>
<b>30-025-33688</b>	<b>Mule Deer 36 State #7</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>36-22S-32E</b>	<b>51683</b>

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