

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

**APPLICATION OF APACHE CORPORATION
FOR COMPULSORY POOLING,
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

CASE NO. _____

APPLICATION

Apache Corporation (“Apache”), OGRID Number 873, 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 pooling all uncommitted mineral interests within a Bone Spring standard horizontal spacing unit underlying the N/2 S/2 of Sections 25 and 26, Township 19 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico. In support of this application, Apache states as follows:

1. Apache is an interest owner in the subject lands and has a right to drill a well thereon.
2. Apache seeks to dedicate the N/2 S/2 of Sections 25 and 26, Township 19 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico to form a 320-acre, more or less, Bone Spring standard horizontal spacing unit.
3. Apache plans to drill the following horizontal wells in a westerly direction to a depth sufficient to test the Bone Spring formation:
 - a. The **Camacho 25-26 State Com 203H** well is a horizontal well with a surface location in the NE/4 SE/4 (Unit I) of Section 25, Township 19 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, and an intended bottom hole location in the NW/4 SW/4 (Unit L) of Section 26, Township 19 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County. This well is proposed to be drilled vertically to a depth of approximately 7,045’ to the Bone Spring formation.
 - b. The **Camacho 25-26 State Com 303H** well is a horizontal well with a surface location in the NE/4 SE/4 (Unit I) of Section 25, Township 19 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, and an intended bottom hole location in the NW/4

SW/4 (Unit L) of Section 26, Township 19 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County. This well is proposed to be drilled vertically to a depth of approximately 8,290' to the Bone Spring formation.

4. These wells will be located within the Winchester, Bone Spring Pool (Pool Code 65010) and will comply with the Division's statewide setback requirements.

5. Apache sought, but has been unable to obtain, a voluntary agreement from all interest owners in the Bone Spring 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 standard horizontal spacing unit and the pooling of all interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying the proposed unit will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

WHEREFORE, Apache requests that this case is set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on May 6, 2021, and after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter its order:

A. Creating an approximately 320-acre, more or less, standard horizontal spacing unit in the Bone Spring formation comprised of the N/2 S/2 of Sections 25 and 26, Township 19 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico;

B. Pooling all mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying a standard horizontal spacing unit within the N/2 S/2 of Sections 25 and 26, Township 19 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico;

C. Designating Apache as operator of this unit and the wells to be drilled thereon;

D. Authorizing Apache to recover its costs of drilling, completing and equipping the 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 wells in the event a working interest owner elects not to participate in the wells.

Respectfully submitted,

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Application of Apache Corporation for compulsory pooling, Eddy 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, Bone Spring standard horizontal spacing unit; and, (2) pooling all uncommitted mineral interests within a Bone Spring standard horizontal spacing unit underlying the N/2 S/2 of Sections 25 and 26, Township 19 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico. This standard spacing unit will be dedicated to the **Camacho 25-26 State Com 203H** and **Camacho 25-26 State Com 303H** wells, to be horizontally drilled. The producing intervals for these wells will be orthodox. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling, completing and equipping said wells, the allocation of these costs as well as the actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of Apache as operator of the wells, and a 200% charge for risk involved in drilling said wells. Said area is located approximately 16 miles southeast of Artesia, New Mexico.