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

## APPLICATION OF EARTHSTONE OPERATING, LLC FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

CASE NO. 24272

#### **PRE-HEARING STATEMENT**

Earthstone Operating, LLC ("Earthstone" or "Applicant") submits its Pre-Hearing

Statement pursuant to the rules of the Oil Conservation Division ("Division").

### **APPEARANCES**

### APPLICANT

Earthstone Operating, LLC

### ATTORNEYS

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#### **INTERESTED PARTIES**

#### ATTORNEYS

None.

#### **STATEMENT OF THE CASE**

Earthstone seeks an order pooling all uncommitted interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying a 160-acre, more or less, standard horizontal spacing unit comprised of the E/2 E/2 of Section 25, Township 20 South, Range 34 East, Lea County, New Mexico, for purposes of obtaining a communitization agreement from the Bureau of Land Management. The Unit will be dedicated to the Lea South 25 Fed Com 2BS 14H well, which will be drilled from a surface hole location in the SE/4 SE/4 (Unit P) to a bottom hole location in the NE/4 NE/4 (Unit A).

Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing the wells and the allocation of the costs, the designation of Applicant as the operator of the wells, and a 200% charge for the

risk involved in drilling and completing the wells.

The wells are located approximately 25 miles west of Hobbs, New Mexico.

#### **PROPOSED EVIDENCE**

| Witness     | Occupation | <b>Estimated</b> Time | Exhibits  |
|-------------|------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| Mark Hajdik | Landman    | Affidavit             | Approx. 5 |
| Chris       | Geologist  | Affidavit             | Approx. 3 |
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#### PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Applicant will present this matter by affidavit if there is no opposition to its application.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### QUESTIONS

| Testimony   |               |  |
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| Please assist us by provide the following information about your testimony. |               |  |
| Number of witnesses   | Not answered. |  |
| Testimony time (in minutes)   | Not answered. |  |