

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

**APPLICATION OF MEWBOURNE OIL
COMPANY FOR COMPULSORY POOLING,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

CASE NO. _____

APPLICATION

Mewbourne Oil Company (“Mewbourne” or “Applicant”) (OGRID No. 14744), through its undersigned attorneys, hereby files this application with the Oil Conservation Division pursuant to the provisions of NMSA 1978, § 70-2-17, for an order pooling all uncommitted mineral owners in the Bone Spring formation underlying a standard 315-acre, more or less, horizontal well spacing unit comprised of the Lots 1-4 (W2W2 equivalent) of irregular Sections 7 and 18, Township 20 South, Range 36 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. In support of its application, Mewbourne states:

1. Applicant is a working interest owner in the proposed horizontal spacing unit and has the right to drill thereon.
2. Applicant seeks to initially dedicate the above-referenced horizontal spacing unit to the proposed **Goat Rope 18/7 State Com 521H** well to be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the NW4 of Section 19, with a first take point in Lot 4 (SW4SW4 equivalent) of irregular Section 18 and a last take point in Lot 1 (NW4NW4 equivalent) of irregular Section 7.
3. Applicant has sought and been unable to obtain voluntary agreement for the development of these lands from all interest owners in the subject spacing unit.

4. The pooling of uncommitted mineral owners will allow Applicant to obtain a just and fair share of the oil and gas underlying the subject lands, avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, will prevent waste, and will protect correlative rights.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on October 3, 2024, and, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order:

- A. Pooling all uncommitted mineral owners in the horizontal spacing unit;
- B. Designating Applicant as operator of this spacing unit and the horizontal wells to be drilled thereon;
- C. Authorizing Applicant to recover its costs of drilling, completing, and equipping the well;
- D. 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
- E. Imposing a 200% charge for the risk assumed by Applicant 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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ATTORNEYS FOR MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY

CASE _____ : **Application of Mewbourne Oil Company for Compulsory Pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks an order pooling all uncommitted mineral owners in the Bone Spring formation underlying a standard 315-acre, more or less, horizontal well spacing unit comprised of the Lots 1-4 (W2W2 equivalent) of irregular Sections 7 and 18, Township 20 South, Range 36 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. Said unit will be initially dedicated to the proposed **Goat Rope 18/7 State Com 521H** well to be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the NW4 of Section 19, with a first take point in Lot 4 (SW4SW4 equivalent) of irregular Section 18 and a last take point in Lot 1 (NW4NW4 equivalent) of irregular Section 7. Also, to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing the well and the allocation of the cost thereof, actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of Applicant as operator of the well, and a 200% charge for risk involved in drilling the well. The subject area is located approximately 15 miles southwest of Hobbs, New Mexico.