

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

**APPLICATION OF BTA OIL PRODUCERS, LLC
TO EXTEND TIME TO COMMENCE DRILLING
OPERATIONS, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

Case No. _____
Order No. **R-22852**

APPLICATION

BTA Oil Producers, LLC (OGRID No. 260297) (“BTA” or “Applicant”) files this application with the Oil Conservation Division (“Division”) requesting a one-year extension of time to commence drilling the well authorized by Order No. R-22852 (“Order”). In support of its application, Applicant states the following.

1. The Division issued the Order in Case No. 23662 on September 11, 2023, pooling all uncommitted interests in the Pennsylvanian Shale formation underlying a 320-acre, more or less, standard horizontal spacing unit comprised of the W/2 E/2 of Sections 21 and 28, Township 16 South, Range 36 East, Lea County, New Mexico (“Unit”), dedicating the Unit to the **Capitan 22301 28-21 State Com #17H** well (“Well”), and designating Applicant as operator of the Unit and the Well.
2. The Order requires Applicant to commence drilling the Well within one (1) year of the date of the Order unless Applicant obtains a time extension from the Division Director for good cause shown.
3. BTA’s ability to commence drilling the Well has been delayed by gas takeaway constraints.
4. Good cause exists for the requested extension.

5. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the Division extend the deadline to commence drilling the Well to September 11, 2025.

WHEREFORE, BTA requests that this application be set for hearing on October 10, 2024, and after notice and hearing, the Division extend the deadline for BTA to commence drilling the Well until September 11, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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