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

# APPLICATION OF SILVERBACK OPERATING II, LLC TO EXTEND TIME TO COMMENCE DRILLING OPERATIONS, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

# CASE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ ORDER NO. R-23045

#### **APPLICATION**

Silverback Operating II, LLC ("Applicant") (OGRID No. 330968), through its undersigned attorney, hereby files this Application with the Oil Conservation Division of the State of New Mexico ("Division") requesting a one-year time extension to commence drilling the Well(s) authorized by Order No. R-23045 ("Order"). In support of its application, Applicant states the following:

1. The Division entered the Order in Case No. 24517 on September 19, 2024.

2. The Order pooled all uncommitted interests in the Yeso Formation underlying a 320-acre, more or less, standard horizontal spacing unit comprised of the S/2 S/2 Section 2, and the N/2 N/2 Section 11, both located in Township 19 South, Range 25 East, NMPM Eddy County, New Mexico ("Unit"), for the purpose of drilling the Roche #101H well ("101H Well"), the Roche #102H well ("102H Well"), and the Roche #103H well ("103H Well"). The 101H Well, the 102H Well and the 103H Well are referred to collectively herein as the "Wells."

3. The Order designated Applicant as operator of the Unit and Wells. Paragraphs 19 and 20 of the Order require applicant to commence drilling the Wells within one (1) year of the date of the Order unless Applicant obtains a time extension from the Division Director for good cause shown.

4. Applicant's ability to commence drilling the wells has been delayed by Case No. 25237, which is a de novo appeal of the Division's granting of the Order. and Applicant's resulting need and desire to avoid conducting operations to drill the Wells during the pendency of this appeal.

5. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the Division extend the deadline to commence drilling the Wells until September 19, 2026.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that this application be set for hearing on August 7, 2025, and after notice and hearing, the Division extend the deadline to commence drilling the Wells under the Order until September 19, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

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