

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

**APPLICATION OF COTERRA ENERGY
OPERATING CO. FOR APPROVAL OF
A NON-STANDARD UNIT AND
COMPULSORY POOLING,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

CASE NO. _____

APPLICATION

Coterra Energy Operating Co. ("Coterra"), OGRID Number 215099, through its undersigned attorneys, hereby submits this application to the Oil Conservation Division pursuant to the provisions of NMSA (1978), Section 70-2-17, for an order (1) approving a non-standard unit, and (2) pooling all uncommitted mineral interests within a 649.37-acre, more or less, Bone Spring spacing unit comprised of the W/2 of irregular Section 4 and the W/2 of Section 9, Township 19 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. In support of this application, Coterra states as follows:

1. Coterra has an interest in the subject lands and has a right to drill and operate a well thereon.
2. Coterra seeks to dedicate the W/2 of irregular Section 4 and the W/2 of Section 9, Township 19 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico to form a 649.37-acre, more or less, Bone Spring horizontal spacing unit.
3. Coterra seeks approval of the non-standard spacing unit because approval of this application will allow Coterra to efficiently locate surface facilities, reduce surface disturbance, consolidate roads, tanks, and pipelines, and promote effective well spacing.
4. Coterra seeks to dedicate the unit to the following wells:

- a. **Big Iron 4-9 Fed Com #102H** well with a proposed first take point in the NW/4 NW/4 (Lot 4) of irregular Section 4 and a proposed last take point in the SW/4 SW/4 (Unit M) of Section 9; and
- b. **Big Iron 4-9 Fed Com #202H** well with a proposed first take point in the NE/4 NW/4 (Lot 3) of irregular Section 4 and proposed last take point in the SE/4 SW/4 (Unit N) of Section 9.

5. The wells will be horizontally drilled, and the producing areas for the wells are expected to be orthodox.

6. Coterra 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.

7. 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.

8. Approval of a non-standard spacing unit will allow Coterra to efficiently locate surface facilities for the recovery of oil and gas underlying the subject lands and reduce surface disturbance.

WHEREFORE, Coterra requests that this case is set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on March 5, 2026, and after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter its order:

- A. Approving the non-standard spacing unit;
- B. Pooling all uncommitted mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying the W/2 of irregular Section 4 and the W/2 of Section 9, Township 19 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico;

- C. Designating Coterra as operator of this unit and the wells to be drilled thereon;
- D. Authorizing Coterra to recover its costs of drilling, equipping and completing 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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CASE NO. ____: Application of Coterra Energy Operating Co. for approval of a non-standard spacing unit and compulsory pooling, and, to the extent necessary, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order from the Division approving a non-standard 649.37-acre, more or less, Bone Spring horizontal spacing unit and pooling all uncommitted interests in the W/2 of irregular Section 4 and the W/2 of Section 9, Township 19 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. This spacing unit will be dedicated to the following wells: **Big Iron 4-9 Fed Com #102H** well with a proposed first take point in the NW/4 NW/4 (Lot 4) of irregular Section 4 and a proposed last take point in the SW/4 SW/4 (Unit M) of Section 9; and **Big Iron 4-9 Fed Com #202H** well with a proposed first take point in the NE/4 NW/4 (Lot 3) of irregular Section 4 and proposed last take point in the SE/4 SW/4 (Unit N) of Section 9. The wells will be drilled at orthodox locations. 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 while drilling and after completion, designation of Coterra Energy Operating Co. as operator of the wells, and a 200% charge for risk involved in drilling said wells. Said area is located approximately 25 miles west of Hobbs, New Mexico.