

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

**APPLICATION FOR SURFACE COMMINGLING  
SUBMITTED BY DEVON ENERGY PRODUCTION  
COMPANY, LP**

**ORDER NO. PLC-733**

**ORDER**

The Director of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (“OCD”), having considered the application and the recommendation of the OCD Engineering Bureau, issues the following Order.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Devon Energy Production Company, LP (“Applicant”) submitted a complete application to surface commingle and off-lease measure the oil and gas production ("Application") from the pools, leases, and wells identified in Exhibit A.
2. Applicant proposed a method to allocate the oil and gas production to the pools, leases, and wells to be commingled.
3. To the extent that ownership is identical, Applicant submitted a certification by a licensed attorney or qualified petroleum landman that the ownership in the pools, leases, and wells to be commingled is identical as defined in 19.15.12.7(B) NMAC.
4. To the extent that ownership is diverse, Applicant provided notice of the Application to all persons owning an interest in the oil and gas production to be commingled, including the owners of royalty and overriding royalty interests, regardless of whether they have a right or option to take their interests in kind, and those persons either submitted a written waiver or did not file an objection to the Application.
5. Applicant provided notice of the Application to the Bureau of Land Management (“BLM”) or New Mexico State Land Office (“NMSLO”), as applicable.
6. Applicant certified the commingling of oil and gas production from the pools, leases, and wells will not in reasonable probability reduce the value of the oil and gas production to less than if it had remained segregated.
7. Applicant stated that it sought authorization to surface commingle and off-lease measure, as applicable, oil and gas production from wells which have not yet been approved to be drilled, but will produce from a pool and lease identified in Exhibit A.
8. Applicant submitted or intends to submit one or more proposed communitization agreement(s) (“Proposed Agreement(s)”) to the BLM or NMSLO, as applicable, identifying the leases to be consolidated into a single pooled area (“Pooled Area”), as described in Exhibit B.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

9. OCD has jurisdiction to issue this Order pursuant to the Oil and Gas Act, NMSA 1978, §§ 70-2-6, 70-2-11, 70-2-12, 70-2-16, and 70-2-17, and 19.15.12 NMAC.
10. Applicant satisfied the notice requirements for the Application in accordance with 19.15.12.10(A)(2), (C)(4)(c), and (C)(4)(e) NMAC, as applicable.
11. Applicant's proposed method of allocation, as modified herein, complies with 19.15.12.10(B)(1) or (C)(1) NMAC, as applicable.
12. Commingling of oil and gas production from state, federal, or tribal leases shall not commence until approved by the BLM or NMSLO, as applicable, in accordance with 19.15.12.10(B)(3) and (C)(4)(h) NMAC.
13. By granting the Application with the conditions specified below, this Order prevents waste and protects correlative rights, public health, and the environment.

## **ORDER**

1. Applicant is authorized to surface commingle and off-lease measure oil and gas production from the pools, leases, and wells identified in Exhibit A.

Applicant is authorized to surface commingle and off-lease measure, as applicable, oil and gas production from wells not included in Exhibit A but that produce from a pool and lease identified in Exhibit A.

2. This Order supersedes Order OLM-154.
3. For each Pooled Area described in Exhibit B, Applicant shall submit a Proposed Agreement to the BLM or NMSLO, as applicable, prior to commencing oil and gas production. If Applicant fails to submit the Proposed Agreement, this Order shall terminate on the following day.
4. No later than sixty (60) days after the BLM or NMSLO approves or denies a Proposed Agreement, Applicant shall submit Form C-103 to OCD with a copy of the decision and a description of the approved lands, as applicable. If Applicant withdraws or the BLM or NMSLO denies a Proposed Agreement, this Order shall terminate on the date of such action, and Applicant shall cease commingling the production from the Pooled Area. If the BLM or NMSLO approves but modifies the Proposed Agreement(s), Applicant shall comply with the approved Agreement(s), and no later than sixty (60) days after such decision, Applicant shall submit a new surface commingle application to OCD to conform this Order with the approved Agreement(s). If OCD denies the new surface commingle application, this Order shall terminate on the date of such action.
5. Applicant shall allocate the oil and gas production to each lease within a Pooled Area in proportion to the acreage that each lease bears to the entire acreage of the Pooled Area described in Exhibit B.

6. The allocation of oil and gas production to wells not included in Exhibit A but that produce from a pool and lease identified in Exhibit A shall be determined in the same manner as to wells identified in Exhibit A that produce from that pool and lease, provided that if more than one allocation method is being used or if there are no wells identified in Exhibit A that produce from the pool and lease, then allocation of oil and gas production to each well not included in Exhibit A shall be determined by OCD prior to commingling production from it with the production from another well.
7. The oil and gas production for each well identified in Exhibit A shall be separated and metered prior to commingling.
8. Applicant shall measure the commingled oil at a central tank battery described in Exhibit A in accordance with 19.15.18.15 NMAC or 19.15.23.8 NMAC.
9. Applicant shall measure the commingled gas at a central delivery point or central tank battery described in Exhibit A in accordance with 19.15.19.9 NMAC, provided however that if the gas is flared, and regardless of whether OCD has granted an exception pursuant to 19.15.18.12(B) NMAC, Applicant shall report the gas in accordance with 19.15.18.12(F) NMAC.
10. Applicant shall calibrate the meters used to measure or allocate oil and gas production in accordance with 19.15.12.10(C)(2) NMAC.
11. If the commingling of oil and gas production from any pool, lease, or well reduces the value of the commingled oil and gas production to less than if it had remained segregated, no later than sixty (60) days after the decrease in value has occurred Applicant shall submit a new surface commingling application to OCD to amend this Order to remove the pool, lease, or well whose oil and gas production caused the decrease in value. If Applicant fails to submit a new application, this Order shall terminate on the following day, and if OCD denies the application, this Order shall terminate on the date of such action.
12. If a well is not included in Exhibit A but produces from a pool or lease identified in Exhibit A, then Applicant shall submit Forms C-102 and C-103 to the OCD Engineering Bureau after the well has been approved to be drilled and prior to off-lease measuring or commingling oil or gas production from it with the production from another well. The Form C-103 shall reference this Order and identify the well and proposed method to determine the allocation of oil and gas production to it.
13. Applicant shall not commence commingling oil or gas production from state, federal, or tribal leases until approved by the BLM or NMSLO, as applicable.
14. OCD retains jurisdiction and reserves the right to modify or revoke this Order as it deems necessary to prevent waste or protect correlative rights, public health, or the environment.

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**ADRIENNE SANDOVAL  
DIRECTOR**

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**DATE:** 5/19/2021

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## Exhibit A

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Operator: Devon Energy Production Company, LP (6137)

Central Tank Battery: Maldives 15 Central Tank Battery 1

Central Tank Battery Location (NMPM): Unit D, Section 15, Township 23 South, Range 31 East

Gas Custody Transfer Meter Location (NMPM): Unit D, Section 15, Township 23 South, Range 31 East

### Pools

Pool Name	Pool Code
JAMES RANCH; BONE SPRING	33840
LOS MEDANOS; BONE SPRING	40295

### Leases as defined in 19.15.12.7(C) NMAC

Lease	Location (NMPM)	
CA BS NMNM 138687	E/2 E/2	Sec 4-T23S-R31E
	E/2 E/2	Sec 9-T23S-R31E
NMNM 405444	W/2	Sec 15-T23S-R31E
NMNM 405444A	W/2	Sec 22-T23S-R31E
NMNM 418220A	W/2	Sec 27-T23S-R31E

### Wells

Well API	Well Name	Location (NMPM)	Pool Code	Train
30-015-44864	Ko Lanta 9 4 Fed Com #518H	P-09-23S-31E	40295	
30-015-44865	Ko Lanta 9 4 Fed Com #528H	P-09-23S-31E	40295	
30-015-45385	Maldives 15 27 Fed Com #231H	D-15-23S-31E	33840	
30-015-45384	Maldives 15 27 Fed Com #232H	D-15-23S-31E	33840	

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Pooled Areas

Pooled Area	Location (NMPPM)		Acres	Pooled Area ID
CA BS BLM	W/2	Sec 15-T23S-R31E	960	A
	W/2	Sec 22-T23S-R31E		
	W/2	Sec 27-T23S-R27E		

Leases Comprising Pooled Areas

Lease	Location (NMPPM)		Acres	Pooled Area ID
NMNM 405444	W/2	Sec 15-T23S-R31E	320	A
NMNM 405444A	W/2	Sec 22-T23S-R31E	320	A
NMNM 418220A	W/2	Sec 27-T23S-R31E	320	A