

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

**APPLICATION OF MARATHON OIL
PERMIAN LLC FOR A NON-STANDARD
SPACING AND PRORATION UNIT AND
COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY,
NEW MEXICO.**

CASE NO. 16050

**APPLICATION OF MARATHON OIL
PERMIAN LLC FOR COMPULSORY
POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

CASE NO. 16051

MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE

COG Operating LLC ("COG"), moves the Division to continue the above-referenced cases which are currently set for hearing on the April 5, 2018 docket until the May 3, 2018 docket. In support of this Motion, COG states, as follows:

1. In **Case No. 16050** Marathon Oil Permian LLC ("Marathon") seeks to create a non-standard, 160-acre spacing and proration unit in the Bone Spring formation in the S/2 S/2 of Section 5, Township 26 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, and to pool all mineral interests therein.
2. In **Case No. 16051**, Marathon seeks to pool all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying a standard 320-acre spacing and proration unit comprised of the S/2 of Section 5, Township 26 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.
3. Both cases propose wells oriented as one-mile laydown wells.
4. Marathon opposes this Motion.

5. COG owns working interest in the acreage that is the subject of Marathon's cases. It also has filed a pooling application for competing well proposal for the Wolfcamp formation in the W/2 of Section 5 and the W/2 of Section 8, which will not be ripe for pooling until the May 3, 2018 docket. COG has also issued competing well proposals for the E/2 of Section 5 and E/2 of Section 8 in the Wolfcamp, as well as for the Bone Spring formation, which also are not ripe for pooling at this time.

6. Marathon's cases should be continued until May 3, 2018, so that COG's competing plan of development, can be heard together with Marathon's cases.

7. Marathon has recently recognized the administrative efficiency of holding a single hearing where there are competing well development plans. *See, e.g.*, Stipulated Motion for Continuance, Case Nos. 16024, 16076 and 16077, filed 3/28/18, attached as **Exhibit A**.

8. A continuance to the May 3, 2018 docket will not result in harm or prejudice.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons stated above, and for reasons of administrative efficiency, COG respectfully requests that the Division continue the hearing Case Nos. 16050 and 16051 until the May 3, 2018, Examiner Docket.

Respectfully submitted,

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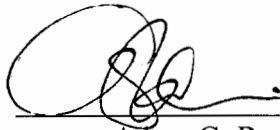
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