# 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. 16301** 

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

**CASE NO. 16302** 

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

**CASE NO. 16303** 

#### MARATHON'S PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

Marathon Oil Permian LLC ("Marathon") submits this Pre-Hearing Statement for the above-referenced case pursuant to the rules of the Oil Conservation Division.

#### **APPEARANCES**

#### <u>APPLICANT</u> <u>ATTORNEY</u>

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## **OPPONENTS**

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#### STATEMENT OF CASE

In Case No. 16301, Marathon seeks an order from the Division: (1) creating a non-standard 320-acre, more or less, spacing and proration unit in the Bone Spring formation, comprised of the E/2 E/2 of Sections 16 and 21, Township 24 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico; and, (2) pooling all mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying this proposed nonstandard spacing and proration unit. This proposed spacing and proration unit will be the unit for the Dobro Federal 24-28-16 SB 1H well, to be horizontally drilled. The producing area for the well will be orthodox. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well, the allocation of these costs as well as the actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of Marathon as operator of the well, and a 200% charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

In Case No. 16302, Marathon seeks an order from the Division: (1) creating a non-standard 320-acre, more or less, spacing and proration unit in the Bone Spring formation, comprised of the W/2 E/2 of Sections 16 and 21, Township 24 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico; and, (2) pooling all mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying this proposed nonstandard spacing and proration unit. This proposed spacing and proration unit will be the unit for the Dobro Federal 24-28-16 TB 6H and Dobro Federal 24-28-16 SB 8H wells, to be horizontally drilled. The producing area for the wells will be orthodox. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said wells, the allocation of these costs as well as the actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of Marathon as operator of the wells, and a 200% charge for risk involved in drilling said wells.

In Case No. 16303, Marathon seeks an order from the Division: (1) creating a 640-acre, more or less, spacing and proration unit in covering the E/2 of Sections 16 and 21, Township 24 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico; and, (2) pooling all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying this proposed spacing and proration unit. This proposed spacing and proration unit will be dedicated to the Dobro Federal 24-28-16 WXY 2H, Dobro Federal 24-28-16 WA 4H, Dobro Federal 24-28-16 WXY 9H, Dobro Federal 24-28-16 WD 3H, Dobro Federal 24-28-16 WD 5H, Dobro Federal 24-28-16 WD 7H, and Dobro Federal 24-28-16 WD 10H wells, to be horizontally drilled. The producing area for these wells will be orthodox. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said wells, the allocation of these costs as well as the actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of Marathon as operator of the wells, and a 200% charge for risk involved in drilling

said wells.

## PROPOSED EVIDENCE

## **MARATHON:**

WITNESS	ESTIMATED TIME	<b>EXHIBITS</b>
Chase Rice - Landman	Approx. 40	Approx. 8
Tucker Keren – Geologist	Approx. 30	Approx. 4
TBD - Engineer	Approx. 20	Approx. 4

# PROCEDURAL ISSUES

Marathon requests that Case Nos. 16301, 16302 and 16303 be consolidated and that Case Nos. 16234, 16235, 16301, 16302 and 16303 be continued to a special docket date.

Respectfully submitted,

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# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served on counsel of record by electronic mail on June 29, 2018:

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