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

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

APPLICATION OFMEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY FOR A NON-STANDARD SPACING AND PRORATION UNIT AND COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

Case No. 15888 (RE-OPENED)

## **MOTION TO DISMISS**

Mewbourne Oil Company ("Mewbourne") moves the Division for an order dismissing the above application, and in support thereof, states:

- 1. By Order No. 14717 Mewbourne force pooled the Bone Spring formation underlying the E½W½ of Section 10, Township 23 South, Range 34 East, N.M.P.M. The well unit is dedicated to the Ibex 10 B3NC Fed. Com. Well No. 1H.
- 2. Tom Ragsdale, one of the parties pooled, signed the AFE and joined in the well under the pooling order.
- 3. Mr. Ragsdale has filed an application to re-open Case No. 15888 to determine well costs. His complaints are set forth in his letter to the Division date December 19, 2018.
  - 4. Mewbourne requests dismissal of the application for the following reasons:
  - (a) Mr. Ragsdale apparently did not have an issue with the costs set out in the AFE, as he executed said AFE and participated in the well.
  - (b) The costs Mr. Ragsdale is objecting to came in under AFE costs, or are slightly over, but well within reason.<sup>2</sup>

Mewbourne has only received notice of the application by reviewing the February 7<sup>th</sup> docket sheet. Certified notice of the application has never been received by Mewbourne.

- (c) Overall, actual costs to drill and complete the well came in under the AFE costs.
- (d) Mr. Ragsdale has never reached out to Mewbourne prior to filing his application to discuss any issues related to the costs in question.
- 5. Because of the nature of the relief requested, Mewbourne has not contacted Mr. Ragsdale for his consent to this motion.<sup>3</sup>

WHEREFORE, Mewbourne requests that the case be dismissed. In the alternative, Mewbourne requests that the cases be continued to a later hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing pleading was served upon the following counsel of record this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of January, 2019 by facsimile transmission:

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An itemization of disputed costs will be provided later.

A representative of Mewbourne is scheduled to meet with Mr. Ragsdale tomorrow.