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

## APPLICATION OF FRANKLIN MOUNTAIN ENERGY, LLC FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

## **APPLICATION**

Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC ("FME"), OGRID Number 373910, through its undersigned attorneys, hereby makes an application to the Oil Conservation Division ("Division") pursuant to the provisions of NMSA (1978), Section 70-2-17, for an order pooling all uncommitted mineral interests within a Wolfcamp horizontal spacing unit underlying the W/2 of Sections 9 and 4, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

In support of this application, FME states as follows:

- 1. FME is an interest owner in the subject lands and has a right to drill a well thereon.
- 2. FME seeks to dedicate the W/2 of Sections 9 and 4, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico to form a 640-acre, more or less, spacing unit.
- 3. FME plans to drill the **Ouray Fed Com 702H** well, the **Ouray Fed Com 703H** well, and the **Georgetown Fed Com 701H** well to a depth sufficient to test the Wolfcamp formation. The wells will be horizontally drilled and will be drilled at orthodox locations under the Division's rules. The location of the **Ouray Fed Com 702H** well is less than 330' from the adjoining 40-acre tracts and the Division's rules allow for the inclusion of proximity tracts within the proposed spacing unit for the wells.

- 4. FME sought, but has been unable to obtain, a voluntary agreement from all interest owners in the Wolfcamp formation underlying the proposed spacing unit to participate in the drilling of the wells or to otherwise commit their interests to the wells.
- 5. The pooling of all interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying the proposed unit will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste and protect correlative rights.
- 6. FME further requests that it be allowed one (1) year between the time the wells are drilled and completion of the first well under the order issued by the Division.

WHEREFORE, FME requests this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on September 5, 2019, and after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter its order:

- A. Pooling all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying a horizontal spacing unit within the W/2 of Sections 9 and 4, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico;
  - B. Designating FME as operator of this unit and the wells to be drilled thereon;
- C. Authorizing FME to recover its costs of drilling, equipping and completing the wells;
- D. Approving actual operating charges and costs charged for supervision, together with a provision adjusting the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedure;
- E. 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.
- F. Allowing a time period of one (1) year between when the wells are drilled and completion of the first well under the order issued by the Division.

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CASE NO. \_\_\_\_\_\_: Application of Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order from the Division pooling all uncommitted mineral interests within a Wolfcamp horizontal spacing unit underlying the W/2 of Sections 9 and 4, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. This spacing unit will be dedicated to the Ouray Fed Com 702H well, the Ouray Fed Com 703H well, and the Georgetown Fed Com 701H well, 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 Franklin Mountain Energy, LLC as operator of the wells, and a 200% charge for risk involved in drilling said wells, and allowing a one year period between when the wells are drilled and completion of the first well. Said area is located approximately 13 miles Northwest of Jal, New Mexico.