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

APPLICATION OF MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

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## **APPLICATION**

Pursuant to NMSA § 70-2-17, Mewbourne Oil Company ("Mewbourne") applies for an order pooling all uncommitted mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation in a 240-acre, more or less, standard horizontal spacing unit comprised of the N/2 S/2 of Section 13, Township 19 South, Range 28 East and the N/2 SW/4 of Section 18, Township 19 South, Range 29 East in Eddy County, New Mexico. In support of its application, Mewbourne states:

- 1. Mewbourne (OGRID No. 14744) is a working interest owner in the N/2 S/2 of Section 13, Township 19 South, Range 28 East and the N/2 SW/4 of Section 18, Township 19 South, Range 29 East and has the right to drill wells thereon.
  - 2. The horizontal spacing unit will be dedicated to the following wells:
  - a. the Rattlesnake 13/18 B2LK State Com #1H well, which will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in Unit L in Section 13, Township 19 South, Range 28 East to a bottom hole location in Unit K in Section 18, Township 19 South, Range 29 East; and
  - b. the Rattlesnake 13/18 B3LK State Com #1H well, which will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in Unit L in Section 13, Township 19 South, Range 28 East to a bottom hole location in Unit K in Section 18, Township 19 South, Range 29 East.
  - 3. The completed intervals for the wells will be orthodox.

- 4. Mewbourne has undertaken diligent, good-faith efforts to obtain voluntary agreements from all mineral interest owners to participate in the drilling of the wells but has been unable to obtain voluntary agreements from all of the mineral interest owners.
- 5. The pooling of all uncommitted mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying the N/2 S/2 of Section 13, Township 19 South, Range 28 East and the N/2 SW/4 of Section 18, Township 19 South, Range 29 East will avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste, and protect correlative rights.
- 6. In order to allow Mewbourne to obtain its just and fair share of the oil and gas underlying the subject lands, all uncommitted mineral interests in the horizontal spacing unit should be pooled.

WHEREFORE, Mewbourne requests that this application be set for hearing on December 12, 2019 and that, after notice and hearing, the Division enter an order:

- A. Pooling all uncommitted mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying the N/2 S/2 of Section 13, Township 19 South, Range 28 East and the N/2 SW/4 of Section 18, Township 19 South, Range 29 East;
- B. Designating Mewbourne as the operator of the Rattlesnake 13/18 B2LK State Com #1H well and Rattlesnake 13/18 B3LK State Com #1H well;
- C. Authorizing Mewbourne to recover its costs of drilling, equipping, and completing the Rattlesnake 13/18 B2LK State Com #1H and Rattlesnake 13/18 B3LK State Com #1H wells and allocating the costs among the wells' working interest owners;
- D. Approving the actual operating charges and costs of supervision during drilling and after completion, together with a provision for adjusting the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedure; and

E. Imposing a 200% penalty for the risk assumed by Mewbourne in drilling and completing the Rattlesnake 13/18 B2LK State Com #1H and Rattlesnake 13/18 B3LK State Com #1H wells against any mineral interest owner who does not voluntarily participate in the drilling of the wells.

Respectfully Submitted,

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