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

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

CASE NO. 20945

MARATHON OIL PERMIAN LLC'S PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

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

APPEARANCES

APPLICANT

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STATEMENT OF CASE

APPLICANT:

In Case No. 20945, Marathon seeks an order from the Division pooling all uncommitted mineral interests within a Bone Spring horizontal spacing unit underlying the E/2 W/2 of Section 7, Township 23 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico. This spacing unit will be dedicated to the **Ares 7 SB Fee 7H** well, to be horizontally drilled. The producing area for this 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, and allowing a one year period between when the well is drilled and when the well is completed.

PROPOSED EVIDENCE

APPLICANT:

WITNESS	ESTIMATED TIME	EXHIBITS
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Landman: Jeff Broussard Approx. 30 minutes Approx. 8

Geologist: Rebecca Horne Approx. 30 minutes Approx. 6

PROCEDURAL ISSUES

If there are no objections to this matter, Marathon intends to present it by affidavit.

Respectfully submitted,

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