

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

**APPLICATION OF NOVO OIL & GAS
NORTHERN DELAWARE, LLC
FOR COMPULSORY POOLING,
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

CASE NO. _____

APPLICATION

Novo Oil & Gas Northern Delaware, LLC (“Novo” or “Applicant”) (OGRID No. 372920), through its undersigned attorneys, hereby files this application with the Oil Conservation Division pursuant to the provisions of NMSA 1978, § 70-2-17, for an order pooling all uncommitted interests in the First Bone Spring interval of the Bone Spring formation (Laguna Salado; Bone Spring (96721)), from a depth of 7,702 feet to 7,839 feet, underlying a standard 160-acre, more or less, horizontal spacing unit comprised of the W/2 W/2 of Section 15, Township 23 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico. In support of its application, Novo states:

1. Applicant is a working interest owner in the proposed horizontal spacing unit and has the right to drill thereon.
2. Applicant seeks to dedicate the above-referenced horizontal spacing unit to the proposed initial **Saturninus Fed Com 15 #111H Well**, to be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the SW/4 SW/4 (Unit M) of Section 15 to a bottom hole location in the NW/4 NW/4 (Unit D) of Section 15.
3. The completed interval of this well will comply with statewide setbacks.
4. Applicant has sought and been unable to obtain voluntary agreement for the development of these lands from all mineral interest owners in the subject spacing unit.

5. The pooling of interests will avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, will prevent waste, and will protect correlative rights.

6. In order to permit Applicant to obtain its just and fair share of the oil and gas underlying the subject lands, all uncommitted interests in this horizontal spacing unit should be pooled, and Applicant should be designated the operator of these proposed horizontal wells and spacing unit.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on February 6, 2020, and, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order:

- A. Pooling all uncommitted interests in the horizontal spacing unit and approving the initial well thereon;
- B. Designating Applicant as operator of this spacing unit and the horizontal well to be drilled thereon;
- C. Authorizing Applicant to recover its costs of drilling, equipping and completing the well;
- D. Approving the actual operating charges and costs of supervision while drilling and after completion, together with a provision adjusting the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedures; and
- E. Imposing a 200% charge for the risk assumed by Applicant in drilling and completing the well against any working interest owner who does not voluntarily participate in the drilling of the well.

Respectfully submitted,

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