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Florene Davidson Oil Conservation Division 1220 South St. Francis Drive Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Dear Florene:

Enclosed for filing, on behalf of Mewbourne Oil Company, are an original and one copy of an application for compulsory pooling, *etc.*, together with a proposed advertisement. The advertisement has also been e-mailed to the Division. Please set the application for the July 21, 2011 Examiner hearing. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Attorney for Mewbourne Oil Company

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Parties Being Pooled

Ard Oil, Ltd. PH-5 222 West 4th Street Fort Worth, Texas 76102

James H. Yates, Inc. P.O. Box 189 Roswell, New Mexico 88202 **BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**RECEIVED OCD

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

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Case No. <u>/4690</u>

<u>APPLICATION</u>

Mewbourne Oil Company applies for an order (i) approving a non-standard oil spacing and proration unit in the Bone Spring formation comprised of the N½N½ of Section 17, Township 19 South, Range 33 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico, and (ii) pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the top of the Bone Spring formation underlying the NW¼NW¼ of Section 17, and the Bone Spring formation underlying the non-standard unit, and in support thereof, states:

- 1. Applicant is an interest owner in the N½N½ of Section 17, and has the right to drill a well thereon.
- 2. Applicant proposes to drill its Spyglass 17 Fed. Well No. 1 to a depth sufficient to test the Bone Spring formation. Applicant seeks to dedicate (i) the NW¼NW¼ of Section 17 to the well to form a standard 40 acre oil spacing and proration unit, and (ii) the N½N½ of Section 17 to the well to form a non-standard 160 acre oil spacing and proration unit (project area), for all pools or formations developed on 40 acre spacing. The well is a horizontal well, with a surface location in the NW¼NW¼, and a terminus in the NE¼NE¼, of Section 17.
- 3. Applicant has in good faith sought to obtain the voluntary joinder of all other mineral interest owners in the $N\frac{1}{2}N\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 17 for the purposes set forth herein.
- 4. Although applicant attempted to obtain voluntary agreements from all mineral interest owners to participate in the drilling of the well or to otherwise commit their interests to the well, certain interest owners have failed or refused to join in dedicating their interests.

Therefore, applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interest owners in the N½N½ of Section 17, pursuant to NMSA 1978 §§70-2-17, 18.

5. Approval of the non-standard unit and the pooling of all mineral interests underlying the $N\frac{1}{2}N\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 17 will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste, and protect correlative rights.

WHEREFORE, applicant requests that, after notice and hearing, the Division enter its order:

- A. Approving a non-standard oil spacing and proration unit (project area) in the Bone Spring formation comprised of the N½N½ of Section 17;
- B. Pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the top of the Bone Spring formation underlying the $NW\frac{1}{4}NW\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 17, and the Bone Spring formation underlying the $N\frac{1}{2}N\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 17;
- C. Designating applicant as operator of the well;

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- D. Considering the cost of drilling and completing the well, and allocating the cost among the well's working interest owners;
- E. Approving actual operating charges and costs charged for supervision, together with a provision adjusting the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedure; and
- F. Setting a 200% charge for the risk involved in drilling and completing the well in the event a working interest owner elects not to participate in the well.

Respectfully submitted,

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PROPOSED ADVERTISEMENT

Case No. 146 90 :

Application of Mewbourne Oil Company for approval of a non-standard oil spacing and proration unit and compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order approving a 160-acre non-standard oil spacing and proration unit (project area) in the Bone Spring formation comprised of the N/2N/2 of Section 17, Township 19 South, Range 33 East, NMPM. Applicant further seeks the pooling of all mineral interests (i) from the surface to the top of the Bone Spring formation underlying the NW/4NW/4 of Section 17 to form a standard 40 acre oil spacing and proration unit, and (ii) the Bone Spring formation underlying the N/2N/2 of Section 17 to form a non-standard 160 acre oil spacing and proration unit (project area), for all pools or formations developed on 40 acre spacing within that vertical extent. The units are to be dedicated to the Spyglass 17 Fed. Well No. 1, a horizontal well with a surface location in the NW/4NW/4, and a terminus in the NE/4NE/4, of Section 17. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing the well and the allocation of the cost thereof, as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a 200% charge for the risk involved in drilling and completing the well. The units are located approximately 14 miles south-southeast of Maljamar, New Mexico.

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