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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 February 21, 2013 Examiner hearing. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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## PROPOSED ADVERTISEMENT

## Case No. 14967 :

Application of Mewbourne Company for approval of a non-standard oil spacing and proration unit and compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Mewbourne Oil Company seeks an order approving a 160-acre non-standard oil spacing and proration unit (project area) in the Bone Spring formation comprised of the W/2W/2 of Section 35, Township 24 South, Range 28 East, NMPM. Applicant further seeks the pooling of all mineral interests (i) from the surface to the base of the Bone Spring formation underlying the SW/4SW/4 of Section 35 to form a standard 40 acre oil spacing and proration unit, and (ii) the Bone Spring formation underlying the W/2W/2 of Section 35 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 Willow Lake 35 MD Fed. Com. Well No. 1, a horizontal well with a surface location in the SW/4SW/4, and a terminus in the NW/4NW/4, of Section 35. 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 unit is located approximately 3 miles south-southeast of Malaga, New Mexico.

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## 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, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO. Case No. 14967

## APPLICATION

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 W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of Section 35, Township 24 South, Range 28 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico, and (ii) pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Bone Spring formation underlying the SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Section 35, and the Bone Spring formation underlying the non-standard unit, and in support thereof, states:

1. Applicant is an interest owner in the  $W\frac{1}{2}W\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 35, and has the right to drill a well thereon.

2. Applicant proposes to drill its Willow Lake 35 MD Fed. Com. Well No. 1H to a depth sufficient to test the Bone Spring formation. Applicant seeks to dedicate (i) the SW<sup>1</sup>/4SW<sup>1</sup>/4 of Section 35 to the well, as to all depths from the surface to the base of the Bone Spring formation, to form a standard 40 acre oil spacing and proration unit, and (ii) the W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of Section 35 to the well, as to the Bone Spring formation, 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 SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, and a terminus in the NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, of Section 35.

3. Applicant has in good faith sought to obtain the voluntary joinder of all other mineral interest owners in the  $W^{1/2}W^{1/2}$  of Section 35 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  $W\frac{1}{2}W\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 35, pursuant to NMSA 1978 §§70-2-17, 18.

5. Approval of the non-standard unit and the pooling of all mineral interests underlying the  $W^{1/2}W^{1/2}$  of Section 35 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  $W^{1/2}W^{1/2}$  of Section 35;

B. Pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Bone Spring formation underlying the  $SW^{1/4}SW^{1/4}$  of Section 35, and the Bone Spring formation underlying the  $W^{1/2}W^{1/2}$  of Section 35;

C. Designating applicant as operator of the well;

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.

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Respectfully submitted,

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