

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LIMITED PARTNERSHIP FOR A
NON-STANDARD SPACING AND PRORATION
UNIT AND COMPULSORY POOLING,
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

CASE NO. 15040

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APPLICATION

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, ("OXY") through its undersigned attorneys, hereby makes application to the Oil Conservation Division pursuant to the provisions of N.M. Stat. Ann. § 70-2-17, for an order (1) creating a non-standard 160-acre spacing and proration unit comprised of the E/2 W/2 of Section 21, Township 24 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico; and (2) pooling all mineral interests in the Bone Springs formation, Malaga; Malaga Bone Spring Pool, underlying this acreage. In support of its application, OXY states:

1. OXY (OGRID No. 192463) is a working interest owner in the E/2 W/2 of Section 21 and has the right to drill thereon.
2. OXY proposes to dedicate the above-referenced spacing and proration unit as the project area for its proposed **Stent "21" Federal Com 2H Well** (API No. 30-015-41221), which will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the SE/4 SW/4 (Unit N) to a standard bottom hole location in the NE/4 NW/4 (Unit C) of Section 21. The completed interval for this well will be within the 330-foot standard offset required by the Division's rules.

3. OXY has sought and been unable to obtain voluntary agreement for the development of these lands from all of the working interest owners in the subject spacing unit.

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

5. In order to permit OXY to obtain its just and fair share of the oil and gas underlying the subject lands, all mineral interests in this non-standard spacing unit should be pooled and Occidental Permian Ltd. should be designated the operator of this proposed horizontal well and spacing unit.

WHEREFORE, Occidental Permian Ltd. requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on September 5, 2013, and, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order:

- A. Creating a non-standard spacing and proration unit in the Bone Spring formation, Malaga; Malaga Bone Spring Pool, comprised of the E/2 W/2 of Section 21, Township 24 South, Range 28 East, NMPM;
- B. Pooling all mineral interests in the non-standard spacing and proration unit;
- C. Designating Occidental Permian Ltd. operator of this non-standard spacing unit and the horizontal well to be drilled thereon;
- D. Authorizing Occidental Permian Limited Partnership to recover its costs of drilling, equipping and completing the well;

- E. 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
- F. Imposing a 200% penalty for the risk assumed by Occidental Permian Ltd. *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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Application of Occidental Permian Limited Partnership for a non-standard spacing and proration unit and compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks an order (1) creating a non-standard, 160-acre spacing and proration unit comprised of the E/2 W/2 of Section 21, Township 24 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County, and (2) pooling all mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation, Malaga; Malaga Bone Spring Pool, underlying this acreage. Said non-standard unit is to be dedicated to applicant's proposed **Stent "21" Federal Com 2H Well**, which will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the SE/4 SW/4 (Unit N) to a standard bottom hole location in the NE/4 NW/4 (Unit C) of Section 21. The completed interval for this well will be within the 330-foot standard offset required by the rules. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of Occidental Permian Ltd. as operator of the well and a 200% charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located approximately 3 miles southwest of Malaga, New Mexico.