

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

**APPLICATION OF WPX ENERGY  
PRODUCTION, LLC FOR A  
NON-STANDARD SPACING AND  
PRORATION UNIT, AND  
COMPULSORY POOLING,  
SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

CASE NO. 15066

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**APPLICATION**

WPX ENERGY PRODUCTION, LLC, ("WPX") through its undersigned attorneys, hereby files this application with 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 N/2 N/2 of Section 9, Township 23 North, Range 8 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico; and (2) pooling all mineral interests in the Mancos formation, Nageezi Gallup Oil Pool, underlying this acreage. In support of its application, WPX states:

1. WPX (OGRID No. 120782) is a working interest owner in the N/2 N/2 of Section 9 and has the right to drill thereon.
2. WPX proposes to dedicate the above-referenced spacing and proration unit as the project area for its proposed **Chaco 2308-09A 145H Well**, which will be horizontally drilled from a surface location 917 feet from the North Line and 240 feet from the East line (Unit A) to a standard bottom hole location 380 feet from the North line and 380 feet from the West line (Unit D) of Section 9.

3. WPX 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 WPX 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 WPX Energy Production, LLC should be designated the operator of this proposed horizontal well and spacing unit.


WHEREFORE, WPX Energy Production, LLC requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on December 19, 2013, and, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order:

- A. Creating a 160-acre non-standard spacing and proration unit in the Mancos formation, Nageezi Gallup Oil Pool, comprised of the N/2 N/2 of Section 9, Township 23 North, Range 8 West, NMPM;
- B. Pooling all mineral interests in the non-standard spacing and proration unit;
- C. Designating WPX Energy Production, LLC operator of this non-standard spacing unit and the horizontal well to be drilled thereon;
- D. Authorizing WPX Energy Production, LLC 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 WPX Energy Production, LLC 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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WPX ENERGY PRODUCTION, LLC**

CASE 15066:

**Application of WPX Energy Production, LLC for a non-standard spacing and proration unit and compulsory pooling, San Juan 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 N/2 N/2 of Section 9, Township 23 North, Range 8 West, NMPM, San Juan County and (2) pooling all mineral interests in the Mancos formation, Nageezi Gallup Oil Pool, underlying this acreage. Said non-standard unit is to be dedicated to applicant's proposed **Chaco 2308-09A 145H Well**, which will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the NE/4 NE/4 (Unit A) to a standard bottom hole location in the NW/4 NW/4 (Unit D) of Section 9. The completed interval for this well will commence in the NE/4 NE/4 (Unit A) of Section 9 and remain 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 WPX Energy Production, LLC as operator of the well and a 200% charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located approximately 3 miles southeast of Nageezi, New Mexico.