

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

APPLICATION OF CHEVRON MIDCONTINENT, L.P.
FOR A NON-STANDARD SPACING AND
PRORATION UNIT, AND COMPULSORY POOLING,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

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CASE NO. 15083

APPLICATION

Chevron Midcontinent, L.P. ("Chevron") 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 160-acre spacing and proration unit comprised of the E/2E/2 of Section 1, Township 24 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico; and (2) pooling all mineral interests in the Bone Springs formation, Triple X; Bone Spring West Pool (Pool Code 96674), underlying this acreage. In support of its application, Chevron states:

1. Chevron Midcontinent, L.P. (OGRID No. 241333) is a working interest owner in the E/2E/2 of Section 1 and has the right to drill thereon.
2. Chevron proposes to dedicate the above-referenced spacing and proration unit as the project area for its proposed **J. Keats 1-24-32 Fed 40H Well**, which will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the SE/4SE/4 (Unit P) to a standard bottom hole location in NE/4NE/4 (Unit A) of Section 1. The completed interval for this well will commence in SE/4SE/4 (Unit P) of Section 1 and remain within the 330-foot standard offset required by the Statewide Rules set forth in 19.15.15 NMAC.

3. Chevron 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 Chevron to obtain it's 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 Chevron Midcontinent, L.P. should be designated the operator of this proposed horizontal well and spacing unit.

WHEREFORE, Chevron Midcontinent, L.P. requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on February 6, 2014, 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 Bone Springs formation, Triple X; Bone Spring West Pool, comprised of the E/2E/2 of Section 1, Township 24 South, Range 32 East, NMPM;
- B. Pooling all mineral interests in the non-standard spacing and proration unit;
- C. Designating Chevron Midcontinent, L.P. operator of this non-standard spacing unit and the horizontal well to be drilled thereon;
- D. Authorizing Chevron 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 Chevron 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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CASE 95083:

Application of Chevron Midcontinent, L.P. for a non-standard spacing and proration unit and compulsory pooling, Lea 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/2E/2 of Section 1, Township 24 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, Lea County and (2) pooling all mineral interests in the Bone Springs formation, Triple X; Bone Spring West Pool, underlying this acreage. Said non-standard unit is to be dedicated to applicant's proposed **J. Keats 1-24-32 Fed 40H Well**, which will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the SE/4SE/4 (Unit P) to a standard bottom hole location in the NE/4NE/4 (Unit A) of Section 1. The completed interval for this well will commence in the SE/4SE/4 (Unit P) of Section 1 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 Chevron Midcontinent, L.P. as operator of the well and a 200% charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located approximately 2 miles northeast of Cotton Place, New Mexico.