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

Case 15087

Dear Florene:

Enclosed for filing, on behalf of Elevation Resources LLC, are an original and one copy of an application for compulsory pooling, *et al.*, together with a proposed advertisement. The advertisement has also been e-mailed to the Division. Please set the application for the February 20, 2014 Examiner hearing. Thank you.

Very truly yours,



James Bruce

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Parties Being Pooled

EOG Resources, Inc.
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BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

**APPLICATION OF ELEVATION RESOURCES LLC
FOR A NON-STANDARD OIL SPACING AND
PRORATION UNIT AND COMPULSORY POOLING,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

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Case No. 15087

APPLICATION

Elevation Resources LLC applies for an order (i) approving a non-standard oil spacing and proration unit in the Bone Spring formation comprised of the W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 19, Township 21 South, Range 34 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico, and (ii) pooling all mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying the non-standard unit, and in support thereof, states:

1. Applicant is an interest owner in the W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 19, and has the right to drill a well thereon.
2. Applicant proposes to drill its Birddog 19 State Well No. 1H to a depth sufficient to test the Bone Spring formation. Applicant seeks to dedicate the W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 19 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 225 feet from the south line and 1980 feet from the east line, and a terminus 330 feet from the north line and 1980 feet from the east line, of Section 19.
3. Applicant has in good faith sought to obtain the voluntary joinder of all other mineral interest owners in the W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 19 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 W½E½ of Section 19, pursuant to NMSA 1978 §§70-2-17, 18.

5. Approval of the non-standard unit and the pooling of all mineral interests underlying the W½E½ of Section 19 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 W½E½ of Section 19;
- B. Pooling all mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying the W½E½ of Section 19;
- 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.

Respectfully submitted,



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PROPOSED ADVERTISEMENT

Case No. 15087

Application of Elevation Resources LLC. for a non-standard oil spacing and proration unit and compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Elevation Resources LLC 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/2E/2 of Section 19, Township 21 South, Range 34 East, NMPM. Applicant further seeks the pooling of all mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying the non-standard unit, for any formations and/or pools developed on 40 acre spacing within that vertical extent. The unit is to be dedicated to the Birddog 19 State Well No. 1H, a horizontal well to be drilled at a surface location 225 feet from the south line and 1980 feet from the east line, with a terminus 330 feet from the north line and 1980 feet from the east line, of Section 19. 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 14-1/2 miles west-southwest of Oil Center, New Mexico.

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