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

APPLICATION OF EOG RESOURCES, INC. FOR A NON-STANDARD SPACING AND PRORATION UNIT, AND COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO. RECEIVED APR 15 P. 15/36

CASE NO. 15/36

## **APPLICATION**

EOG Resources, Inc., ("EOG") 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 W/2W/2 of Section 21, Township 26 South, Range 33 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico; and (2) pooling all mineral interests in the Bone Springs formation. In support of its application, EOG states:

- 1. EOG Resources, Inc. (OGRID No. 7377) is a working interest owner in the W/2W/2 of Section 21 and has the right to drill thereon.
- 2. EOG proposes to dedicate the above-referenced spacing and proration unit as the project area for its proposed **Thor 21 Fed Com 4H Well**, which will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the SW/4SW/4 (Unit M) to a standard bottom hole location in NW/4NW/4 (Unit D) of Section 21. The completed interval for this well will commence in SW/4SW/4 (Unit M) of Section 21 and remain within the 330-foot standard offset required by the Statewide Rules set forth in 19.15.15 NMAC.

3. EOG 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.

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- 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 EOG 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 EOG Resources, Inc. should be designated the operator of this proposed horizontal well and spacing unit.

WHEREFORE, EOG requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on May 15, 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, comprised of the W/2W/2 of Section 21, Township 26 South, Range 33 East, NMPM;
- B. Pooling all mineral interests in the non-standard spacing and proration unit;
- C. Designating EOG Resources, Inc. operator of this non-standard spacing unit and the horizontal well to be drilled thereon;
- D. Authorizing EOG 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 EOG 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 15/36:

Application of EOG Resources, Inc. 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 W/2W/2 of Section 21, Township 26 South, Range 33 East, NMPM, Lea County and (2) pooling all mineral interests in the Bone Springs formation underlying this acreage. Said non-standard unit is to be dedicated to applicant's proposed Thor 21 Fed Com 4H Well, which will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the SW/4SW/4 (Unit M) to a standard bottom hole location in the NW/4NW/4 (Unit D) of Section 21. The completed interval for this well will commence in the SW/4SW/4 (Unit M) of Section 21 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 EOG Resources, Inc. as operator of the well and a 200% charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located approximately 10 miles Southeast of Ross Place, New Mexico.