

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

APPLICATION OF CHEVRON U.S.A. INC.  
FOR A NON-STANDARD SPACING AND  
PRORATION UNIT, AND COMPULSORY POOLING,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO. 15167

APPLICATION

CHEVRON U.S.A. Inc., ("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 W/2 E/2 of Section 14, Township 24 South, Range 34 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico; and (2) pooling all mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying this acreage. In support of its application, Chevron states:

1. Chevron U.S.A. Inc. (OGRID No. 4323) is a working interest owner in the W/2 E/2 of Section 14 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 **Gramma Ridge 14-24-34-1H Well**, which will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the NW/4 NE/4 (Unit B) to a standard bottom hole location in SW/4 SE/4 (Unit O) of Section 14. The completed interval for this well will remain within the 330-foot standard offset required by the Rules set forth in 19.15.15 NMAC.

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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 U.S.A. Inc. 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 should be designated the operator of this proposed horizontal well and spacing unit.

WHEREFORE, Chevron requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on July 10, 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 Spring formation, comprised of the W/2 E/2 of Section 14, Township 24 South, Range 34 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico;
- B. Pooling all mineral interests in the non-standard spacing and proration unit;
- C. Designating Chevron U.S.A. Inc. 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;

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- 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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**ATTORNEYS FOR CHEVRON U.S.A. INC.**

CASE 15167:

**Application of Chevron U.S.A. 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/2 E/2 of Section 14, Township 24 South, Range 34 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County and (2) pooling all mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying this acreage. Said non-standard unit is to be dedicated to applicant's proposed **Gamma Ridge 14-24-34-1H Well**, which will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the NW/4 NE/4 (Unit B) to a standard bottom hole location in the SW/4 SE/4 (Unit O) of Section 14. The completed interval for this well will 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 U.S.A. Inc. as operator of the well and a 200% charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located approximately 2 miles North of Ochoa, New Mexico.